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COMMENT OF THE DAY

Economic Blueprint

THE Commonwealth Economic Conference appears to have reached a substantial measure of agreement on methods to be adopted for strengthening the international position of the Sterling bloc. The blueprint is there; the task still remaining is to give it practical reality. And to this end, the Commonwealth must have some assistance from the United States and from European members of the Sterling bloc. It is this fundamental requirement which makes the announced visit of Mr. Churchill to Washington next year one of the most important decisions reached by the conference. Mr. Churchill will speak, not merely for Britain and her Commonwealth partners, but for the whole of the Sterling area, and it is imperative to the success of the economic scheme drawn up by the Commonwealth Prime Ministers that Mr. Eisenhower and his advisers give the most sympathetic attention to the weighty viewpoints which Mr. Churchill will advance. His most difficult assignment will be to persuade the American Treasury officials of the desirability of increasing the world price of gold as a step toward strengthening Sterling with the ultimate aim of making Sterling freely convertible. The Commonwealth Prime Ministers apparently succeeded in winning Mr. Churchill and Mr. Butler to their viewpoint that convertibility must be considered an essential feature in any programme for bolstering the economic position of the Sterling bloc. It would be disastrous, however, to take any positive action in this direction without first of all ensuring safeguards. One appears to be to increase the international value of gold. But this, in effect, means devaluation of the American dollar—a move which the United States hitherto have declared to be intolerable. American opposition to devaluation will be extremely difficult to break down, but without assistance in this direction, convertibility of Sterling, no matter how desirable, would be a hazardous undertaking.

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MORE RIOTING IN MOROCCO

Two Killed & 7 Wounded BRICKBATS AT POLICE

Casablanca, Dec. 9. Two Moroccans were killed today and seven wounded, when Moroccan police opened fire after rioting at Beni Mellal, about 156 miles west of Casablanca.

The rioters gathered to demand the release of a Moroccan gaoled for 15 days on a minor charge. When the police arrived they were met by brickbats and opened fire.

Goums—crack Moroccan mountain troops—were called in but did not intervene.

Beni Mellal is one of the wildest regions of Morocco, where tribesmen are known for their fierce independence.

French officials considered this incident unconnected with yesterday's anti-French disorders in Casablanca.

Tension rose in Casablanca tonight when Muslims gathered at street corners to incite passers-by to anti-French violence.

Police intervened and some arrests were made. French victims of yesterday's riots will be buried tomorrow.

General Augustin Guillaume, the Resident-General, will speak at the ceremony.

Sporadic shooting was heard in the Arab Quarter last night, but no incidents have been reported since. Work was continuing in meat factories and shops and traffic was running normally.

In the Arab Quarter, inscriptions had been scrawled in charcoal on the walls of houses declaring in Arabic: "All united, Tunisia for the Tunisians, Morocco for the Moroccans." At Mazagan, a coastal town below Casablanca, religious objects were stolen from a church. The cross was defiled and the altar burnt.

At Rabat, an official of the Presidency said the riots had been "obviously premeditated." He cited the number of types of weapons found on demonstrators—daggers, knuckledusters, razor blades fixed on sticks and iron balls attached to chains—as evidence that they had come prepared for trouble.

Istiqbal Nationalist quarters blamed police provocation for the outbreak. They said the

police arrested trade union leaders and workers in the Carrières Centrales immediately after the strike order was issued on Sunday.

The worst incident, in which 20 Moroccans were killed, came when police tried to force about 800 strikers back to work at one of the factories, they said.

COLLUSION DENIED The Istiglal denied French allegations that they were in collusion with the Communists. The Trade Union Headquarters, on the edge of the French Quarter, where 3,000 Moroccans were cornered and searched yesterday, was again searched by police today.

The Carrières Centrales, a sprawling shanty town, contrasting with the spacious tree-lined boulevards of the nearby French Quarter, was later placed out of bounds to Europeans.

The Marine Commandos and Foreign Legionnaires were being held in reserve.

(Tunis), also the scene of recent nationalist agitation, was reported calm, though Arab shops in Tunis remained closed for the second day in protest against the execution of three Tunisians for the murder of a French gendarme. The all-night curfew, imposed after the murder of Ferhat Hached on Friday, was lifted.

(Nine Tunisians from Hama Sousse, including the head of the Nationalist Neo Destour cell in the area, were arrested, accused of sabotage.)—Reuter.

TRAIN ATTACKED Tunis, Dec. 9. Machine-gun bullets shattered the Tunis-Sousse electric train tonight killing a Tunisian passenger and wounding several others.

The dead man was a Tunisian railway worker, aged 28. He was set out immediately on the track of the attackers.—Reuter.

Eisenhower Is Interested

Aboard USS Helana, Dec. 9. President-elect Dwight Eisenhower has exchanged cables with General Douglas MacArthur, former Supreme Commander in the Far East, and has asked for the MacArthur plan for ending the Korean war.

General Eisenhower took his dramatic step after conferences on Far Eastern problems with four members of his future Cabinet aboard the Helana.

The cruiser is due at Pearl Harbour on Friday morning, Hongkong time, after a 3,000-mile trip from Guam.

General MacArthur said last week he has a plan for a clear, definite solution of the Korean conflict without involving unduly heavy casualties.

He declined to give details but left the impression he would be glad to discuss it with General Eisenhower.—Reuter.

Woman Dies, Leaves 98 Descendants

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Sits On A Bed Of Thorns



In the heart of Calcutta's industrial suburb of Kidderpore, a Sadhu (Hindu Holy Man) sits on a bed of thorns while his companion blows a conchshell to attract the attention of passers-by who throw coins into the sheet stretching out in front of him. — London Express.

Thuggery In Britain Arouses Public Demand For Return Of Flogging

London, Dec. 9. Thuggery, as evidenced by acts of razor slashers, coshmen and gunmen, has become such a menace in big cities in recent times that a public cry has gone up for the return of flogging.

Some 120 magistrates in Manchester held a private meeting at which a resolution was passed urging the re-introduction of flogging as a deterrent for violent law-breakers.

The resolution, which is being sent to the Home Secretary, the Lord Chief Justice and Members of Parliament representing Manchester, asks that Section II of the Criminal Justice Act, 1948, which took away from judges and magistrates the power to order flogging, be repealed.

A Manchester councillor, Mr. Arthur Donovan, a Justice of the Peace for 22 years and leader of the move against thuggery, revealed in a newspaper review that a similar situation existed in the city 40 years ago, when gangs called "scuttlers" terrorised the citizenry. He said the Manchester Assizes at that time had ordered flogging in many of the worst cases and the city was cleared of these gangs within six months.

Popular toy on sale in Britain today is a "Caveman's Cosh." It sells at 2/11d. It is a miniature purchase with schoolboys between the ages of eight and 12 who play "gangster" games involving the use of these coshes.

DANGEROUS TOY A Manchester councillor said this toy cosh "can easily be turned into a murderous weapon by filling its whole interior with lead shot or sand." Manchester has started a campaign against "anti-social toys" which is fast gaining strength.

A report said the Manchester City Council will meet to discuss the sale of toy coshes and other weapons with a view to calling for national legislation to ban them.

Meanwhile, the National Chamber of Trade in Birmingham, has appealed to 300,000 shopkeepers to ban the sale of toy coshes, truncheons and other imitations of lethal weapons.

Serious crimes perpetrated by teenagers in and about London itself have been markedly on the increase recently. Most recent was the playing of a policeman shot in attempting to arrest two youths on a Croydon roof.

Accused of the murder of a 16-year-old Christopher Craig of Norbury and Derek Bentley, aged 19.

The Archbishop of Croydon, conducting the funeral services for the slain policeman, made an appeal from the pulpit for stern punishment for violent crime.

He said: "We should seriously question whether everything possible is being done to protect the citizens of this land and those who are called upon to maintain law and order."

WOMEN IN FEAR "Women are going in fear of opening their doors after dark, fear of walking alone in quiet roads. Single-handed shopkeepers look

Negro Padre Brutally Attacked

Chattanooga, Ten., Dec. 9.

A Jamaica-born Negro Minister was taken to hospital here today charging that he was brutally beaten by two white "ruffians" for refusing to take a back seat in a bus in Georgia last night.

The Reverend Amos H. Carnegie, 67-year-old Baptist preacher from Washington, DC, was "resting quietly" today and X-rays have been taken to determine the extent of his injuries.

The Minister told the Chattanooga Times he had taken a seat in the middle of the bus but the driver ordered him to the rear. Later, he charged, two men came up to him as the bus neared Acworth and assaulted him, beating him and kicking him.

The preacher said he cried for help but none of the passengers, nor the driver offered aid. The two men, he said, got off the bus and ordered him to the rear and he decided to comply because of his condition.

Later, he said, an official of the bus company offered him medical aid but the preacher told him he would go on to Chattanooga.—Associated Press.

Pinay Scrapes Through

Paris, Dec. 9.

Premier Pinay's nine-month-old coalition won a new vote of confidence in the French Parliament tonight.

The National Assembly agreed by 200 votes to 251 to the government's demand for an immediate debate on the 1953 Finance Bill.

Last Thursday the government won a confidence vote by 314 to 207 when M. Pinay asked for a foreign affairs debate to be postponed to make way for his budget bill.—Reuter.

44 Held For Defying Laws

Johannesburg, Dec. 9.

Forty-four persons including prominent South Africans were under arrest today for defying the government's segregation laws in a new major campaign.

Those held, most of them facing court hearing on Wednesday, include: Manilal Gandhi, son of the late Indian Nationalist leader, Patrick Duncan; son of the former Governor-General of South Africa, Sir Patrick Duncan; novelists, Freda Troup and anthropologist, Selma Steinmann.

Seven white South Africans, 19 Indians and 14 African natives were arrested on Monday night and four more white South Africans were arrested today.—United Press.

BIG RAID NEAR RED CHINA BORDER

Tokyo, Dec. 10.

United States Navy fighter-bombers blasted four Communist rail terminals on the border of Communist China on Tuesday in the biggest carrier raid of the war by the United Nations Japan Sea Task Force.

The carriers, Essex, Bon Homme Richard and Oriskany, hurled 532 sorties at the Manchuria to Korea railway supply terminals at Hungyung, Musan, Magin and Hyesanjin. Planes from the Essex ranged farther north than any UN bombers have gone in the entire Korean war to blast the border railroad city of Hungyung in the northeast corner of Korea only a few hundred yards from Chinese soil.

Successive waves of Pantherjets, Skyraiders and Corsairs hit the railroad marshalling yards in daylong attacks, ranging from Hyesanjin on the Yalu River northeast to Musan on the Tumen River, at Majin and on up to Hungyung.

Hungyung caught the brunt of the sweeping carrier assault. Waves of planes crashed 38 tons of high explosives into the railroad marshalling yards there, completely wiping out rail lines and destroying eight railroad repair shops, two locomotives and 30 boxcars.

BLACK WITH SMOKE Pilots reported that the area over Hungyung was black with smoke. There was no enemy opposition to the surprise assault.

It was the biggest effort of the war by carriers of Task Force 77, which ranges the Japan Sea along Korea's east coast. Musan and Hyesanjin were old targets. Magin and Hungyung were new.

The three American carriers earned a "well done" from Rear-Admiral William D. Johnson, Commander of Task Force 77. "A heavy sustained schedule was given you today and your response was magnificent," Adm. Johnson sent a message to the carriers. "The enemy has suffered heavy damage."

At Musan, the Corsairs and Skyraiders destroyed a railroad turntable, heavily damaged a locomotive repair building and hit a roundhouse.

Pantherjets swept in to destroy a locomotive and set fire to four buildings causing secondary explosions.

The planes returned to the battered rail centre in the afternoon to tear up 500 yards of rails and partially destroy another roundhouse and nearby buildings.—United Press.

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Swiss Red Expelled

Gelleva, Dec. 9. M. Leon Nicole, former Swiss Communist leader, has been expelled from the party, it was announced today.

The decision was taken at a week-end meeting in Zurich by the party's central committee and was published today in the party newspaper, "Volks Guevriere."

The announcement recalled that Nicole was told some time ago to cease his "hostile activities" to the party.—Reuter.

TV BOGEY: CHURCH IS CRITICISED

London, Dec. 9. Church of England leaders have picked on television as "the latest bogey" in their "tendency to condemn," says Canon T. Stevens, Vicar of St. Paul's, Wimbledon Park, in his parish magazine.

He says: "We Christians have a bad name and we partly deserve it. It is thought by many people that we are antagonistic to too many things, as, of course, we are. The tendency to condemn is still prevalent, and we ought to call a halt except where real wrongs are concerned."

"The latest bogey is TV. I rarely have time to make use of this form of relaxation, but what I have seen does not make me wince my hands in horror. It is easy to find fault with anything."

Canon Stevens says that in its time the Church has condemned dances, plays, operas, bazaars and haircuts.—(London Express Service)

Cuts In Film Requested

Mexico City, Dec. 9. Veterans of Mexico's revolution asked the Interior Ministry today to make some cuts in the Hollywood film "Viva Zapata!" before permitting its showing here.

The "Zapatista Front," which includes veterans of Emiliano Zapata's revolutionary army, said sequences showing him as illiterate and shooting prisoners himself should be eliminated.

The organisation said the rest of the film was historically correct.—Associated Press.

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EMPIRE TALKS CONCLUSIONS LIKELY TODAY

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT)

London, Dec. 9. The Commonwealth Prime Ministers and Finance Ministers attending the London Economic Conference began today to frame their final conclusions.

More committee work may be needed but present expectations are that the conference will end tomorrow evening.

A lengthy communique setting out the Ministers' final conclusions will then be issued.

This is expected to outline the Commonwealth's new approach to the problems of trade, finance, development and commodity policy.

But no dramatic changes in policy are expected.

The real significance of the conference may not in fact emerge until the Commonwealth countries begin talks with the new United States Administration in the early part of next year.

Bowmen Of England Go Under Cover

London, Dec. 9. British archery is just completing its most successful season for 50 years.

And next year the sport will receive a further boost by the holding of the centenary national tournament, which will draw archers from all parts of Britain to the grounds of Worcester College, Oxford.

"Archery is no longer a sport of the few," said an official of the Royal Topham Society.

"In the last 12 months the number of archers in Britain has practically doubled."

"In the London area there are 30 clubs."

"During the winter many bowmen will shoot under cover in halls and other large buildings."—London Express Service.

Lord Strabolgi In Yugoslavia

Belgrade, Dec. 9. Lord Strabolgi, British Labour Peer, was received today by Mr. Eduard Kardelj, the Yugoslav Foreign Minister.

Lord Strabolgi is on a private visit to Yugoslavia.—Reuter.

Return To The Church

Pope On 'Frailty Of Other Structures'

Rome, Dec. 9. The Pope said today that many people who strayed from the Church to seek answers to their problems elsewhere are already preparing to return.

The Pontiff spoke of this return in the course of a long address to members of the charitable association of Catholic Artisans in Rome whom he received in audience on the occasion of the 88th anniversary of the founding of their society.

"Who does not feel the anxious invocation of men who have tried to solve their problems without God or even by fighting God, and who have now tasted disheartening defeat because of the frailty of the structures in which they live and the precariousness of the institutions on which they lean?" the Pope asked.

"It is therefore enough to know how to understand the voice reaching out to us, it is enough to sense their significance, still hidden and profound, to become aware that many people are already preparing to return to the house of the Father even if they had forgotten it."

"On the other hand it is no less certain that to such expectation there corresponds in Jesus the health-giving power revealed in every page of the Gospels."

"There is no doubt that the Shepherd who went after the lost sheep will lovingly receive the returning son, especially if he (the son) says: 'Father, I strayed far; I tried many systems, I believed in many men and many things, now I am with You.'"

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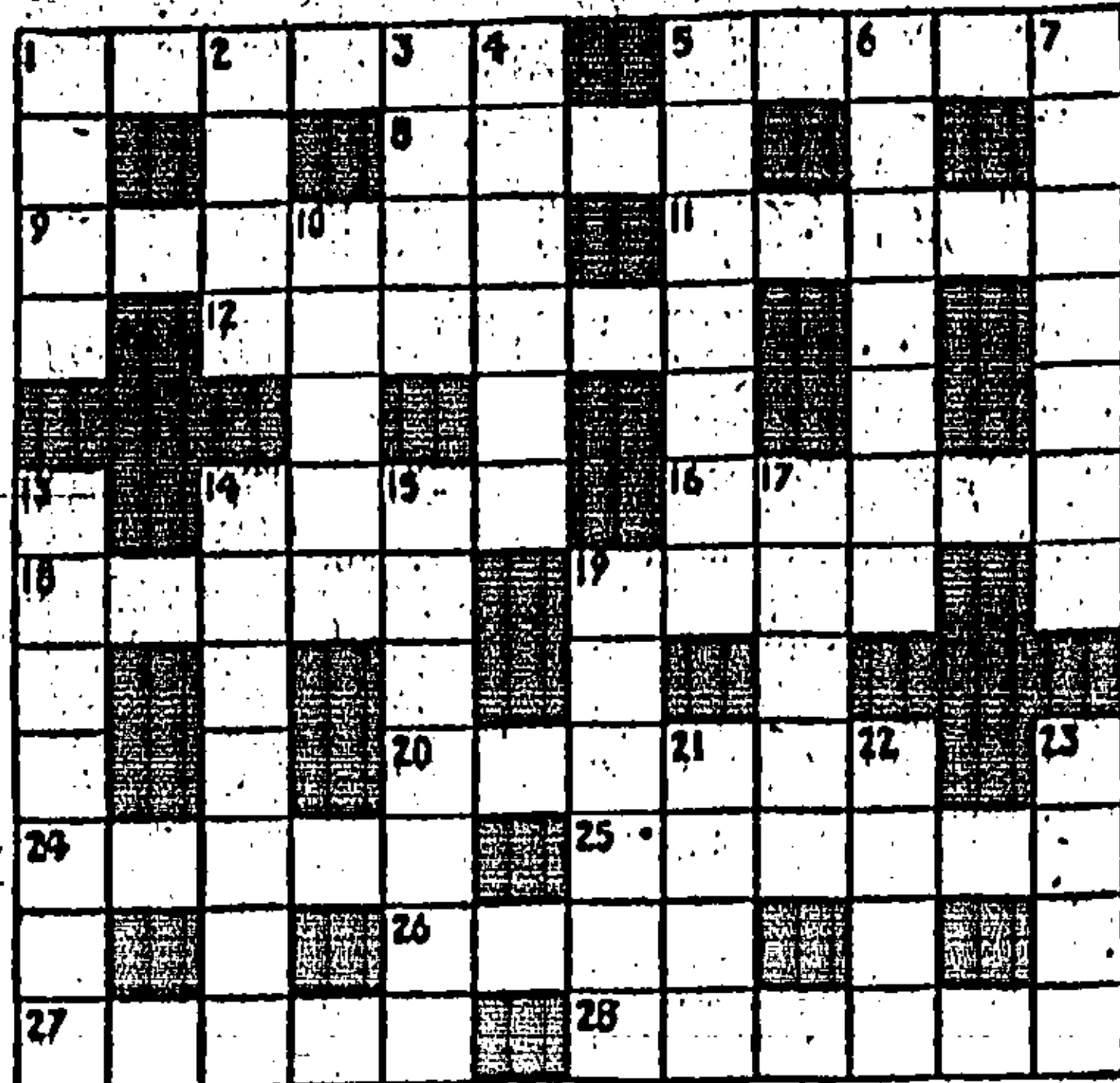
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5 Sylvan delfy (5).
8 Repose (4).
9 Very hot (6).
11 Rich tapestry (5).
12 Subtract (8).
14 Trick (4).
16 Teacher (6).
18 Welcome (6).
19 Laine (4).
20 Tell (6).
24 Fish (5).
26 Distinguished (6).
28 Musical instrument (4).
29 Evade (6).
30 Rubs out (6).

DOWN

1 Track (4).
2 Fat (4).
3 Parched (4).
4 Lesson (6).
5 Law (7).
6 Menaces (7).
7 Put back (7).
10 Stage show (5).
13 Got all right (7).
14 Answer (7).
15 Alarm (7).
17 Join (5).
19 Swell (6).
21 Assert (4).
23 Goes astray (4).
25 Dregs (4).

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD—Across: 1 Spied, 4 Misses, 8 Lascar, 10 Oiler, 12 Merlin, 14 Outpace, 17 Mere, 19 Elapsed, 20 concedes, 22 Anon, 23 Entrees, 27 Siecia, 29 Edict, 30 Spirit, 31 Spring, 32 Rated. Down: 1 Salvo, 2 Inset, 3 Drama, 5 Idol, 6 Spines, 7 Served, 9 Recedes, 11 Slumber, 13 Relents, 15 Upon, 16 Picnic, 18 Rane, 20 Caress, 21 Noster, 24 Taper, 25 Egreit, 26 Shide, 28 Eton.

Doctor Leaves £30,000

London, Dec. 9. Australian-born Dr. Norman Haire, famous sexologist, gynaecologist, obstetrician and author of books on sex education and birth control, left an English estate valued at £31,365 gross.

Dr. Haire, who died on September 11, left his library of books and other publications to the University of Sydney.

After allowing for other small bequests, his will directed that the residue of his property should also go to the Sydney University for use in the study of sexology.—Reuter.

TELEGRAMS PILE UP

Tokyo, Dec. 9. The Electric Communication Workers Union said today that an accumulation of about 20,000 telegrams has been experienced at Tokyo Central Telegram office during peak periods recently owing to go-slow tactics of telegraph workers.

The workers are agitating for an increase in pay and year-end allowances.

As a further measure to back up their claims, 20 per cent started a five-day walk-out from today.—Reuter.

Action Again Put Off

UN Delay On The Palestine Issue

United Nations, Dec. 9. Reluctant to back a resolution not acceptable to both sides in the Palestine dispute, the Special Political Committee of the United Nations General Assembly today again adjourned the debate without voting to permit interested delegations to try again to devise a compromise formula.

This was the third adjournment for this purpose during the present debate.

The Committee had before it two resolutions. One incorporated the views of 15 powers had been declared acceptable to Israel. The other, sponsored by Afghanistan, Indonesia, Pakistan and Iran, had been declared acceptable by the Arab nations.

The 15-power resolution—presented under the names of eight sponsors—would urge the parties to engage in direct negotiations with pre-conditions.

The four-power resolution would set the previous resolutions on Palestine as a basis for future direct negotiations.

Dr. Mohammed Abdul al-Jamali of Iraq today told the Committee that the 15-power resolution was totally unacceptable to the Arab nations and would not contribute to a solution in Palestine.

Mr. A. Eban of Israel said that the Arab nations had opposed the 1947 and 1948 resolutions on Palestine.

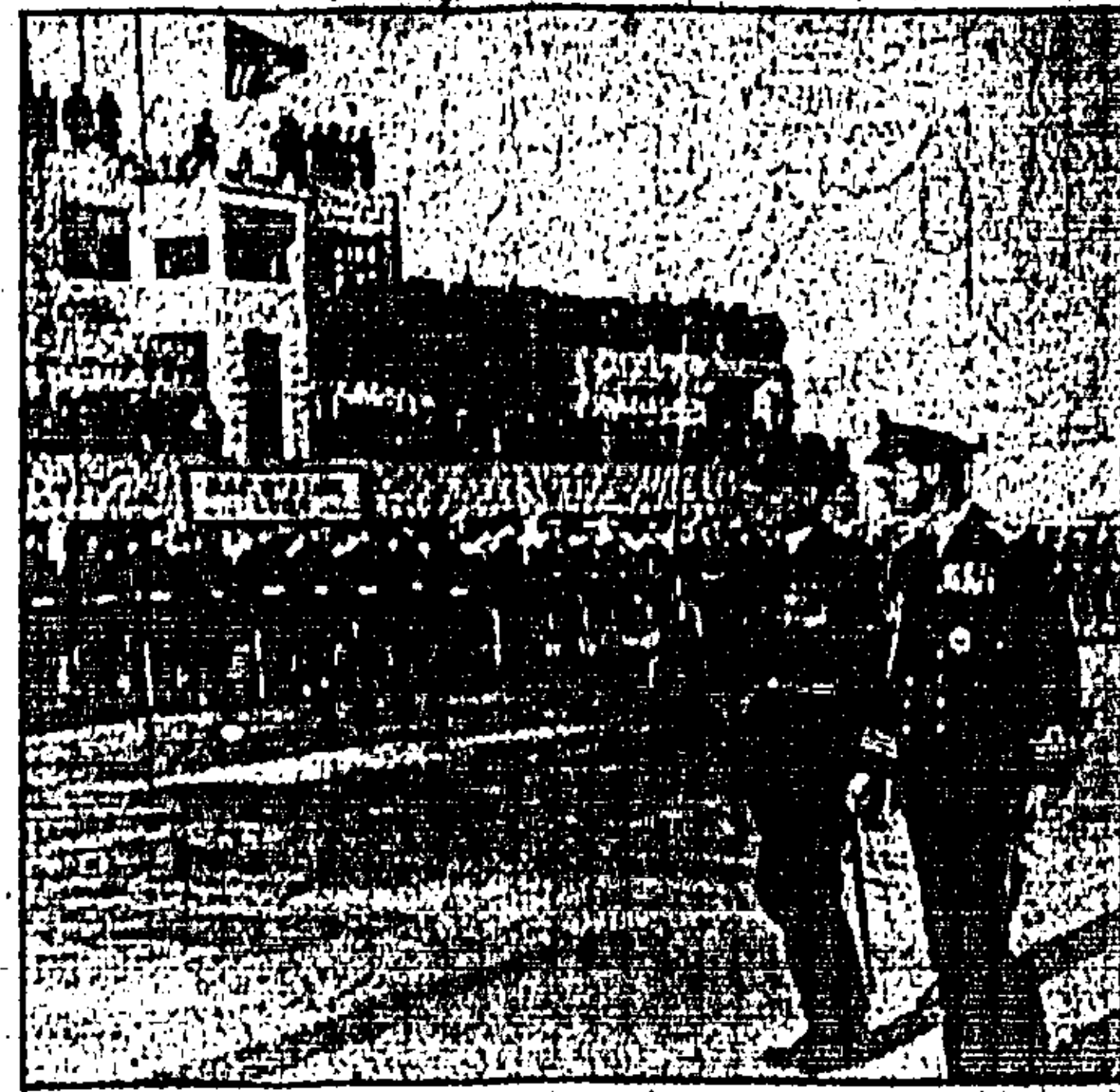
It would be a fantastic situation, he said, if the Committee could be prevented from taking action because of the objections of the delegate of Iraq.—Reuter.

MISSION WAS IMPRESSED

Karachi, Dec. 9. Professor A. B. R. Hallin, leader of a Pakistan goodwill mission to Turkey, said tonight that the mission had been impressed by the solidarity and patriotism of the Turkish people.

Other members of the mission, which returned today to Pakistan, said they found a great fund of goodwill for Pakistan in Turkey and had noted that Turkey was well on the road to progress.—Reuter.

Duke's Visit To Malta



The Duke of Edinburgh recently paid a visit to Malta, and is seen above carrying out the first of a series of inspections. He has since returned to Britain.—Central Press Photo.

Lagging In Propaganda

Washington, Dec. 9. A State Department official said today that American spending on overseas propaganda was only a small fraction of that of Russia and her allies.

He put the Communist countries' expenditure on direct propaganda services at \$1,700 million a year. Several thousand of millions of dollars more were spent on indirect propaganda, he added.

The Voice of America and other American overseas services had an appropriation of only \$88 million in the current fiscal year, he said.—Reuter.

Amsterdam Incident

Antwerp, Dec. 9. A Swastika was painted over a notice announcing a memorial ceremony in honour of Dr. Chaim Weizmann, late President of Israel, the police reported today. The police said they did not take a serious view of the incident.—Reuter.

Atlantic Pact Nations Revise Plan Of Defence

Paris, Dec. 9.

The 14-nation North Atlantic Treaty Organisation focused attention on the Middle East today.

Riots rocked North Africa as the organisation opened a series of meetings which will culminate in a conference of Cabinet Ministers next week to consider the entire state of the West's preparedness for war.

Top secret "strategic guidance"—the basis for the entire defence of the West—has been revised to include the powerful NATO partners Greece and Turkey, reliable sources disclosed. It is the first major revision of the grand master plan since before the Brussels Council of NATO Ministers' meeting in 1950.

The Chiefs of Staff representing the 14 Allies met to prepare reports for submission to the permanent NATO Council on Thursday and the Foreign, Defence and Finance Ministers on December 15.

High on the agenda for discussion during the series of meetings were items which concern Middle East areas bordering the Mediterranean and naval defence arrangements in vital waters.

Mr. Herve Alphand, French permanent representative to the Council, said that the establishment of a Middle Eastern defence organisation similar to NATO will be discussed. He said confidently that agreement on how the Middle East can be defended and on the parts to be played by Arab States in the area, was near.

NEXT YEAR

One matter due for approval was the long-awaited Anglo-American compromise over the Mediterranean naval commands which, reliable sources said, will give Britain control of convoys while reserving to a United States admiral command of combat naval forces needed to support ground fighting in Southern Europe.

The Staff Chiefs—the NATO Military Committee—are also due to approve the revised grand strategy before passing it to the Council.

The military representatives are also due to discuss their requirements for next year in

the light of economic reports from all the Allies indicating that tentative targets of some 75 divisions set for 1953 cannot be achieved. No decisions, however, on the 1953 military targets are expected to be taken at this meeting.

Rearmament decisions have been postponed until April because of the delay by individual nations in submitting their rearmament reports.

Military officials from Supreme Allied Headquarters are in the meantime putting pressure on NATO representatives to adopt targets for increasing the West's 120 airfields by the end of the year before it is too late to catch good construction weather in the Spring and Summer.—United Press.

Yard Seize

£10,000 Gems

In Swoop

London, Dec. 9. Scotland Yard detectives swooped on a London diamond merchant's office in a night raid and seized jewellery valued at about £10,000.

It was taken to the Yard by detectives working under Inspector Philip Periam, of the Flying Squad, and Inspector Peter Sinclair, of Ealing C.I.D.

The jewellery is thought to be part of the proceeds of country house robberies.

Among the jewellery seized are three pieces worth over £2,000 each.

Some of the jewels are believed to be part of a haul at Egham, Surrey, some years ago.

Poland Demands Envoy's Recall

Tel-Aviv, Dec. 9. Poland has demanded the recall of the Israeli Minister in Warsaw, the Foreign Ministry announced.

The Minister is Dr. Aryeh Koubovi, who is also the Minister to France.

The Czechoslovak Government demanded his recall on Saturday, accusing him of interference in Czechoslovak internal affairs.—Reuter.

THE AIR GIRLS LOSE GROUND

London, Dec. 9. Stewards or stewardesses in airlines? The question is No. 1 debating point among the international airlines.

Three years ago there was no question of the "pulling power" of the air girl. But now some airlines say that the men are more efficient.

Air France has switched entirely to male stewards on its London-Paris route.

An official of the airline said: "Our planes on the route carry 55 passengers, and all have to be served with a full meal and have time to eat it comfortably in one hour."

"We have found that stewards are quicker and have more stamina for the job."

On Trans-Atlantic routes there are now more stewards than stewardesses.—London Express Service.

Queen Zain In Britain

London, Dec. 9. Queen Zain, wife of ex-King Talal of Jordan, flew here tonight for a visit of about eight days.

King Hussein, her eldest son, met her at the airport.

The Queen, whose arrival was delayed for 24 hours by fog, was accompanied by her second son, Prince Hassan, aged 10, and several members of her family.

While in London—she is to lunch privately with Queen Elizabeth.

She will also lunch with the Foreign Secretary, Mr. Anthony Eden.—Reuter.

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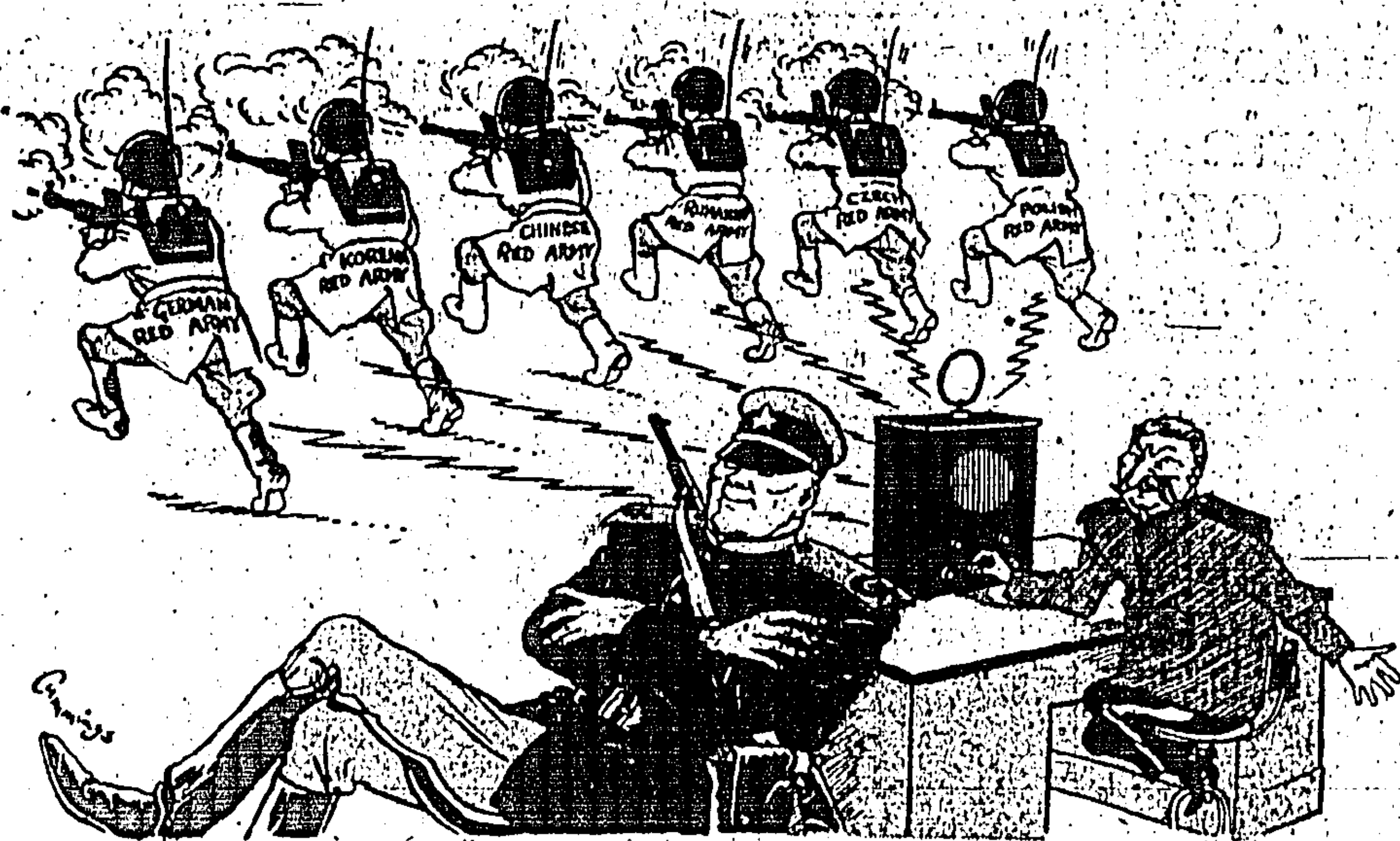
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NO GOOSE-STEPPING FOR THE NEW GERMAN ARMY

By Denis Martin

FORTY generals of Hitler's World War II armies are to lead 500,000 Germans—built up in 12 armoured and motorised divisions, with air force and naval support—in the new European Army.

The reborn General Staff will also include 250 colonels, 900 lieutenant-colonels, 2,000 majors, 6,300 captains and 12,300 junior officers.

Long-serving N.C.O.s and other ranks essential for the training and calling up of Britain's new allies in the defence of the West will number something over 80,000 men.

This will be the hard core of the new German Army.

The names of the 40 generals at the top have not yet been made known officially.

COMMANDERS

ALLED officials, anxiously watching developments in the red-brick Ministry of Defence in the back streets of Bonn, believe, however, they can spot the principal commanders. They include:

General Adolf Hoesinger, former Chief of Operations on the Russian front and a close associate of Hitler during the campaigns in the East. Now military adviser to Premier Adenauer, he was standing beside Hitler on July 20, 1944, when plotters exploded a bomb in the conference room.

General Hans Speidel, bespectacled tactical expert who fought with Rommel in the Western Desert, and who was later Chief-of-Staff in France at the time of the Dunkirk invasion.

General Ludwig Cruewell, Africa veteran who was captured by the British. Now he is the chairman of the Afrika Korps Veterans' Association and director of

engineering works in the Ruhr.

General Hasso von Manteuffel, lean-featured, small-limbed tank expert who rose to command the crack "Grossdeutschland" panzer division in Russia.

General Count Gerhard von Schwerin, one of the architects of the German counter-attack through the Ardennes at the end of the war. A leader of tanks, he was Adenauer's first under-cover Defence Minister, but was sacked in 1950 for ill-judged public statements about a future German call-up.

TANK MEN

GENERAL von Ravenstein, Afrika Korps veteran who commanded one of Rommel's tank formations in the advance into Egypt.

General Baron Geyr von Schweppenburg, a corps commander of tanks on the Russian front who, in recent books, has warned Britain that her frontier is "far to the east of the Rhine."

General Wenck, associate of tank expert General Heinz Guderian and chief of the

strategic warfare department of the Hitler high command. Hitler waited in vain in his air-raid shelter for the relief of Berlin by Wenck's army in 1945.

Herr Theodor Blank, under-cover Defence Minister, has confirmed that there will be no "goose-stepping and square bashing" in the new German army.

NEW RIGHTS

"THIS is basically a hangover from early military day," says Herr Blank.

"Modern fighting requires, above all, moral perspicacity alongside physical resourcefulness."

Soldiers in the new German Army will enjoy rights unknown for centuries in the imperial armies.

They include:

1. All civil rights as laid down in the new German constitution, as, for instance, the right to vote.
2. Pay and ration levels decided in many instances by the European Defence Community.
3. Penalties for breaches of discipline to be the same for all ranks.
4. Evenings out in civilian clothes.

CAN THE HYPNOTISTS CURE ILLNESS?

(By A Medical Correspondent)

IF hypnotism does all the good that is claimed by those who practise it, then it is strange that doctors as a whole make such little use of it.

As a rule the medical profession is only too eager to take up any remedy which gives some promise of easing the troubles of patients. In fact the history of medicine is full of the names of remedies which doctors have acclaimed with enthusiasm and then abandoned in disgust.

WHY DO THEY HOLD BACK?

Why then has hypnotism never had a full-scale trial when, according to its exponents it can be used to alleviate the most difficult of all the ills that afflict mankind—those that are a consequence of a seething unrest in the mind?

The reason probably is that hypnotism is still associated in many doctors' minds with quackery, magic or mumbo-jumbo.

Though they may believe it can do good, their confidence in the method is seldom great enough to overcome the feeling that the technique of hypnotising someone is rather absurd, with the constant repetition of such commands as "You are getting sleepier" and "Your limbs are feeling heavier."

When it comes to the treatment of common neurotic conditions—sleeplessness, headache, anxiety, hysteria—nearly all psychiatrists agree that hypnotism can do much good, but they emphasise, the results are unpredictable. It is impossible, for instance, to forecast that a certain percentage of a group of patients with obsessional neuroses will be improved by hypnotism. There are many failures.

One medical hypnotist, according to a recent report, is helping children to pass examinations by putting them to sleep and telling them that when they wake up they will have no difficulty with whatever subjects they have been labouring over at school.

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But hardly a hint of possible failure is allowed to appear in Dr Philip Magne's new book "Hypnosis in Medicine" (Kluwer, 1952), which he has written in the order to widen medical interest in hypnotherapy. This is a pity because Dr Magne, who is president of the Medical Hypnosis Association, puts up a case for hypnotherapy which would, in no way, have

been weakened by mentioning a few of its disadvantages. In an informative introduction he dispels many of the common misconceptions about hypnosis and outlines its chequered history from Mesmer onwards. Much of the book is given up to discussions on the place of hypnotherapy in the treatment of a variety of psychosomatic and psychoneurotic disorders, and Dr Magne quotes many case histories in support of his views. Some of these are not always convincing as he seems to think they are.

THE WOMAN WHO WAS DEPRESSED

For instance, he records the curious result of his treatment of a neurotic woman who became very depressed.

"She had lost interest in her husband, whom she loved, as well as in her friends, home and personal appearance. She had even put her baby, to whom she was devoted, into a private home, as she felt completely incapable of looking after it properly."

After treatment by hypnosis she felt strong and cheerful and completely able to cope with things. Dr Magne continues: "She told me she had received a telephone call from the mother of the home where her baby was being looked after to be told there was a case of poliomyelitis there. 'If I had got that message a month ago, she told me, I should have gone saving mad with worry. But I am feeling so

Sitting On The Fence

By... NATHANIEL GUBBINS

As your Uncle Nat's little partner, the "Plucky Little Woman," is in bed with influenza and your Uncle has been nurse, housekeeper and cook, most of the news of the week has been missed, or briefly glanced at, while milk boils over and a whistling kettle howls like a banshee through The Sun Nest.

The Kettle

TAKE morning tea to PLW. PLW says she feels on fire. Dishes teapots to put fire out. Asks for more tea. Run downstairs to put on whistling kettle. Run upstairs to look for thermometer. Eventually find thermometer, rinse under bathroom tap, shake, and ask PLW to open mouth.

PLW, lying on back, opens mouth wide like fledgling waiting with open beak for mother bird to pop worms into it. Pop glass worm under fledgling's tongue.

Whistling kettle howls. Run downstairs to meet Lottie, the Devil Cat, who notices she is rushing upstairs. Almost meet death on stairs with Lottie under feet, but survive to make more tea.

While making tea, read Lord Jowitt's account in House of Lords of "woman prisoner" in Aylesbury gaol who told him about the "wonderful hot food" there, the comfortable beds, and the library full of Westerns.

"You only have to ring a bell for anything you want," she informed his lordship. By this time tea is cold and PLW, who can hardly breathe through her nose and still has thermometer in her mouth, is almost asphyxiated.

Snatch thermometer, which reads 100, and tell PLW about women in Aylesbury gaol. Drinking cold tea, PLW says she wouldn't mind being there herself, except that she doesn't read Westerns.

As PLW wants hot water bottle, put on kettle again, rack stove thoroughly, get in fuel, put on too much fuel and put stove out.

The Doctor

TELEPHONE doctor. While trying to explain PLW's symptoms, whistling kettle howls again. Doctor, hearing howl over phone, asks, "Is she in great pain?" I answer, "No."

Doctor asks: "Then why is she making all that noise?" I answer: "She may be delirious." Doctor says: "I'll come at once."

Remember how PLW and I went written offer to entertain American troops during war. American authorities sent back form which said: "If you have an American soldier in your home, you must not discuss (1) religion; (2) politics; (3) sex."

The PLW wrote back: "As we are both religious fanatics, anarchists and sex maniacs, offer cancelled."

Put down paper and find Lottie licking over mashed potatoes.

The Neighbour
OBVIOUSLY only one thing to do. As Lottie has no morals and fears nothing on earth but the whistling kettle, she shall have whistling kettle throughout cooking operations.

Put on WK and let it howl. Lottie runs out of kitchen and hides under dining room sofa. Through howling of kettle, I hear front door bell ring. It is a neighbour who asks: "Is there anything wrong?" I answer: "My wife is ill."

The neighbour says: "But what's that terrible noise?" I say: "That is my mad brother having hallucinations." The neighbour says: "I'll come to see you." I say: "No," and shut the door.

Thanks to this interruption, the sole is burned. When I take it up to the PLW, she looks at the charred mess and says:

"How do you get into Aylesbury gaol and have all that wonderful food?" I reply: "When you are better you could become a cook girl."

She says: "There are a lot of people I would like to cook, and they wouldn't be old ladies either. Will you buy me a cook's hat?" I reply: "I'll buy you one for Christmas."

"Buy it before Christmas," she says, "so that I can cook somebody in time to have my Christmas dinner in Aylesbury gaol."

Remember, dear friend,

JACOBY ON BRIDGE

Learn How to Bid From A Poor Hand

By OSWALD JACOBY

I AM almost ashamed to show today's hand because North's bidding was so outrageously ambitious. I cannot resist showing it, however, because South's play, at this apparently hopeless contract, is worth looking at.

West opened the deuce of clubs, and South gulped when he saw the dummy. He then played a low club from dummy, hoping for the best. East properly finessed the eight of clubs, and South won the first trick with the queen.

South saw no sense in giving up, so he boldly finessed the queen of hearts at the second trick. With this hold, he continued by cashing the ace of hearts, discarding a club from his own hand. A heart suit now established dummy's long suit.

With a normal trump break, South was now out of danger. He therefore led a low trump from his hand and won with dummy's jack. East's nine

NORTH (D) 18			
♠ KJ4			
♥ A9852			
♦ K43			
WEST			
♠ A1065			
♥ K72			
♦ K65			
♣ J02			
EAST			
♠ 9			
♥ 104			
♦ Q10972			
♣ A1098			
SOUTH			
♠ Q8732			
♥ 0			
♦ AJ3			
♣ Q75			
North-South vul.			
North	East	South	West
1♥	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♥	Pass	2♠	Pass
4♥	Pass	Pass	Pass
Opening lead—♠ 2			

of spades looked ominous to South, and he therefore searched for a way to make his contract even against a 4-1 trump break.

After some thought, he led a heart from the dummy and discarded the last club from his own hand. West ruffed with the six of spades, and wondered what to do next. He couldn't afford to lead out his two remaining trumps, since dummy would win and run the rest of the hearts. West therefore returned the jack of clubs.

South now had to abandon the trumps and start to abandon dummy's established hearts. He cashed the ace of diamonds, ruffed a diamond with dummy's low trumps, and ruffed a heart club in his own hand. At this point South had nine tricks safely tucked away and was bound to make his tenth trick with dummy's king of spades or his own queen.

Note that South would lose his contract if he led a trump towards dummy after ruffing the jack of clubs. West would step up with the ace of spades and lead his last club. South would have to ruff with his last trump, and would have no convenient way of getting to dummy to draw West's trump and run the hearts.

CARD SENSE

Q—With neither side vulnerable, the bidding has been:

North	East	South	West
1 N.T.	2 Hearts	3	

You, South, hold: Spades K-7-9-8-4, Hearts 6-3, Diamonds 9-3-2, Clubs Q-3-2. What do you do?

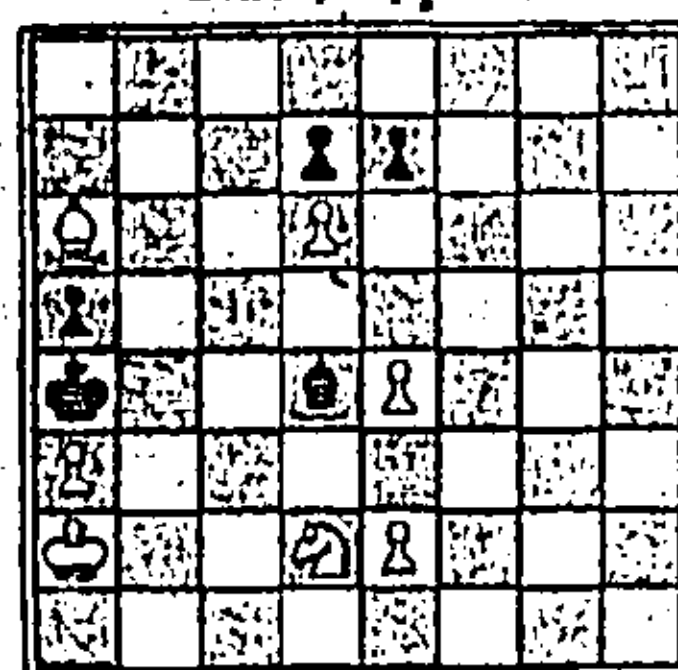
A—Bid two spades. This is not a forcing bid but merely shows a willingness to compete. If North has a good fit for spades, he may go on; otherwise he may pass.

TODAY'S QUESTION

The bidding is the same as in the question just answered. You, South, hold: Spades K-7-9-8-4, Hearts 6-3, Diamonds 9-3-2, Clubs Q-3-2. What do you do?

Answer Tomorrow

CHESS PROBLEM

By S. LIMBACH
Black, 5 pieces.

White, 7 pieces.
White to play: mate in three.
Solution to yesterday's problem:
1. Kt-Q5, any; 2. Q-B, Kt (dis ch); or P mates.

DUMB-BELLS



BY THE WAY

by Beachcomber

I SEE that a beauty queen of sorts put her foot into a cheese at an agricultural raga-madello the other day. This might be called the Slopcorner touch.

Some time ago the exquisite Minnie was acting as judge of a cheese-weighing exhibition of a fête. While craning her neck to see the prize, she over-balanced and plunged her right foot up in the cheese. In a new brand of cheese called Kreencheeze, "Hard cheese" commented the mayor with a sporting grin. "Make yourself Minnie."

Does cheese talk?

TALKING of cheese, not long ago a scientist with an acute sense of hearing said that the thought of cheesiness had some method of communication, which he hesitated to call speech. I think all he heard was the clumping of tiny jaws. What on earth would the little lady have to talk about, except cheese? "Don't talk shop," hives a curly-haired and on the popular song of the little cheese.

Seems to whisper "Louise!"

Foulmouthe and Vita Brevis

FOULMOUTH and Vita Brevis said side by side on two high stools

that might have come from some up-to-date torture chamber in a dungeon. "We are not getting any younger," said the Captain. "I don't care about you," said Vita. "But certainly, am, don't you think?" "You are eternally young," said Foulmouth, "and doubtless, but at the same time a settled down. Do you remember the first time I proposed to you?" she did. It was a point below Wallingford and the cargo was 71 bottles of a light white wine. "Marry me," he had said, "and then we can get through this stuff before proceeding to heavier wines. Nobody had ever talked to her like that."

Nothing to do with me

"Oh! wiper tears from her eyes." "It is said either it is a misprint, or she had bought a film-tear made of glycerine, and her beauty parlour operative had attached it to the wrong feature clamping dippy dippy dippy and a dippy dippy dippy. But, stay! Perhaps someone had been whispering a sad tale to her ear. She had dropped a genuine tear on the astonished love. Or, again perhaps, brave girl, she had wept over a drop before courageously jerking out an active one, you might find the glistering diamond was propelled on to her ear. If none of these explanations satisfy you, leave the explanations with the bathing attendant and go quietly on your way."

YOUR BIRTHDAY... By STELLA

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 10

BORN today, your intuitions are exceptionally keen and you have a tremendous store of nervous energy. Your imagination is bound to flow in such rapid succession that you have difficulty in executing them fast enough. You are a keen observer and you can tell the true from the false at first sight. This talent should be used in any kind of personal or executive work where you have to make quick, accurate decisions. In fact, if you learn to rely upon your "hunches," you will find that you rarely, if ever, make even a minor mistake. You do have a hot temper and must learn to control it. Often, you bitterly regret a few moments later. Yet, harm can be done in an instant, so learn to keep your head when heading large organizations and giving

rather than taking the orders. You have the gift of the spoken word and can hold an audience spell-bound with your ideas, your wit and your charm. You would be a forceful propagandist, for some cause in which you believed, or you probably write well, too, and since your life is apt to be an exciting and active one, you might find keeping a diary profitable.

Your nervous energy often goes beyond your physical endurance and you must guard against letting your emotions mount too high. Learn to play as hard as you work and get a change of scene now and then. Your own home and family bring you great happiness. To find what the stars have in store for you tomorrow, let your birthday star and read the corresponding paragraph. Let your birthday star be your daily guide.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 11

that you can readjust your schedule to a change of time.

Capricorn (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)—Invite a group of the young fry to a party at your home, perhaps, include an educational angle in it.

Capricorn (Dec. 23-Jan. 20)—Don't let there be misunderstandings. Make yourself very clear in important matters.

Aquarius (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)—Attend the theatre this evening, if you can, and it will pep you up immeasurably.

Pisces (Feb. 20-Mar. 20)—A quiet day at home with your family will bring you a great deal of real pleasure just now.

Aries (Mar. 21-Apr. 20)—If someone insists on you as an emotional cushion today, don't let them! Combat pessimism with optimism.

Taurus (Apr. 21-May 21)—If previously-made plans do not turn out exactly as you control, make the necessary adjustments.

Gemini (May 22-June 21)—Good day for serious reading and concentrated study. Conquer a subject thoroughly.

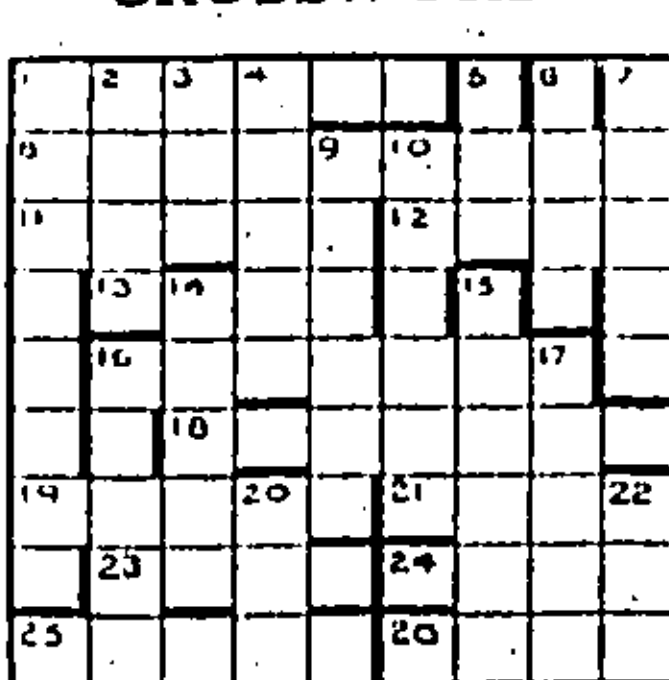
Cancer (June 22-July 23)—It may be that the time element is hazardous. Check for any change in an important conference.

Leo (July 24-Aug. 23)—Pessimism never pays—especially today. Take an optimistic attitude toward everything now.

Virgo (Aug. 24-Sept. 23)—Clear up details which must be settled by your desk at the office. Make ready for a new start.

Libra (Sept. 24-Oct. 23)—Confirm an engagement early so

CROSSWORD



- Across
- Protection from the farm our family has (10)
 - Face Susan upsets in the kitchen (9)
 - Wheat permanent stripes (5)
 - Put out a time echo? (4)
 - Close-lipped (4)
 - Pat can turn with mistaken enthusiasm (7)
 - Multiple servants? (7)
 - No hollow ideas (6)
 - Uncommon (4)
 - Close your sleep (4)
 - Dist from the west (4)
 - Condemned to be a dust hunger (5)

- Down
- Startle to make a host sin (8)
 - Portia likened it to mercy (4)
 - In U.S.A. this wine is born to (5)
 - Can two vowels become deep? (5)
 - The way pins chess (5)
 - Tease some flowers grow (5)
 - How the red ran to go on (6)
 - Per we mean to do (5)
 - A double is worth 30 dollars (6)
 - It's a thoughtful expression (5)
 - Trace out your omission by (5)
 - Been cluttering your desk at the office (5)
 - Could be a (3)

Solution of yesterday's puzzle—Across: 1. Wicker, 2. Lullaby, 3. Adorn, 4. Howl, 5. Limousine, 6. Lullaby, 7. Fan, 8. Lullaby, 9. Lullaby, 10. Lullaby, 11. Lullaby, 12. Lullaby, 13. Lullaby, 14. Lullaby, 15. Lullaby, 16. Lullaby, 17. Lullaby, 18. Lullaby, 19. Lullaby, 20. Lullaby, 21. Lullaby, 22. Lullaby, 23. Lullaby, 24. Lullaby, 25. Lullaby, 26. Lullaby, 27. Lullaby, 28. Lullaby, 29. Lullaby, 30. Lullaby.

INTELLIGENCE TEST

By T. O. HARR

"GOLD" do not suit me at all, my prospects are small. "No I don't like you." While my music is a fruit from a miserable snuff. "Oh, dear, and you still here?" The man's words are the components of a five-lettered word. What is it?

(Solution on Page 10)

WOMANSENSE

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An old idea loses favour with a new idea for women in search of casual elegance.

Braces come into the open as a feminine fashion-pointer to link your separates—and give a new outline to cap sleeves.

Make the braces from material left over from the skirt, and add gloss with patent leather for the tabs.

Diamonds—a man's best friend

by PHOEBE YOUNG

EVERY nice girl loves a diamond, and every girl who sports a modest engagement ring and a necklace or two of semi-precious stones may yearn secretly or not so secretly, for the real thing. For, by tradition, there is no better way for a man to show his love than to shower her with clear white stones—and I do not mean rhinestones.

There is no better way for a man to pay tribute to a woman's beauty than to plaster her with sparkling, glistening gems.

"For you, darling," he says, as he casually pulls a small tiara out of his pocket one evening, "because I love you."

Enough! Just how shrewd are these Sir Galahads who seldom come into the news until they are burgled?

How often are they thinking: "For you... because a good diamond is always a good diamond, and because I paid \$20,000 for this, and because they double their value in no time?"

So knowing

THEN, as they rest sparkling jewels upon sparkling hair: "Yes, a very good investment!"—they might just as well be sipping on \$20,000 worth of Preference shares.

"I would guess," said a West End Jeweller, "that a diamond worth \$1,000 in 1930 would be worth anything from \$2,500 to \$3,000 today. They have gone up in value steadily. Even the poorer quality yellow diamonds which used to be worth about £30 for one carat are now worth nearly £100.

"As for fine diamonds, even a baby one carat fine diamond has doubled its value."

I asked how big is a one-carat diamond. "Oh, very small, about 3-10 of an inch—as big as the head of a very small screw."

And, of course, the bigger the diamond the greater in proportion the increase in its value.

So shrewd

I ASKED several Jewellers: "What manner of man is it that pushes a cheque for thousands of pounds across the counter in exchange for a tissue-paper wisp of gems?"

"Business men," was the answer, "often Midlands business men, shrewd investors."

Seldom, say the Jewellers, is the gem tested before purchase against the "gleaming" white throat" so earnestly referred to in the soft-lit moment of presentation.

Thus sparks of romance died for me in the sparkle of a load of diamonds. My one diamond shines the brighter for the discovery.

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NO NICE GIRL SHOULD KNOW

...the sort of names by which OTHER people call diamonds. In underworld slang they are known as "rocks" or "sparklers". A "spark prop" is a diamond de-pla... a "grove" is a diamond ring... and "largo" is a paste diamond. And if somebody has been "at the duff" that means he has been passing off fake jewels as real ones.

All my

I by JOANNA PACE

I REVOLT at the idea conjured up by an advertisement for a nanny, in which the advertising mamma called her children "two enchanting little boys."

I AM speechless on the con- sidering demands of schoolteachers who expect parents to provide elaborate dresses for walk-on parts in school plays.

I WONDER at the con- tinuing gullibility of people who, round this time, buy unburnable logs from hawkers they do not know and will never see again.

I WELCOME back those decorated tins in which tea, biscuits, and cake (among other things) are now being sold.

I LIKE the Paris store idea for Christmas shopping: a special department which removes all evidence of price and source, and wraps your purchases in cheerful paper and tinsel ribbon so they are ready to be given as presents. All for no extra cost. And talking of Paris...

I'M GLAD to learn that British snow boots are making a hit there. Couturiere Maggy Rouff is using them to add the finishing touch to her ski ensembles.

(London Express Service.)

Coat Dress



By GRACE THORNCIFFE

OXFORD grey in a new rayon crepe, one with a very full-bodied texture, weighty and crisp, makes a good street dress for autumn. The grey is a perfect background for the red leather contour belt and shiny black buttons. The style is simple, a surplice closing and shawl collar above the belt and a three-button closing below. The shoulders are rounded and the sleeves are of the push-up variety. It is easy to put on, easy to wear, easy to look at. What more can one ask of a dress destined for busy days?

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What's The Strongest Thing?

—It Isn't a Lion or an Elephant; Guess Again!

By MAX TRELL

THERE is nothing in the world pleasanter than a pleasant walk with a pleasant friend, especially on a sunny day.

Knarf and Hanid, the shadow-children with the turned-about names, were taking such a walk with their good (and very pleasant) friend Ting-a-Ling. As they walked they talked, not about anything in particular, but about everything they could think of.

It was Knarf-who said at last: "Ting-a-Ling, what is the strongest thing in the world?"

Interesting Question

Ting-a-Ling, who in addition to being pleasant was also very wise, remained thoughtful and silent for a few moments, then he smiled and said to Knarf and Hanid: "This is an interesting question that Knarf has just asked. I'm not quite sure that I know the right answer, or that anyone does. But before I even try to answer it, I should like to hear what both of you think is the strongest thing in the world."

Knarf answered first, for before asking the question he had thought about it himself. "I think an elephant is the strongest thing in the world."

"I think a lion is," said Hanid.

"My dears, you are both right about an elephant and a lion being strong. An elephant can push over trees. A lion can kill almost any other animal. But I don't think either of them are the strongest things in the world. I think it is something else."

Knarf and Hanid begged Ting-a-Ling to tell them what else it was he thought was the strongest thing in the world.

Utmost Amazement

For another instant Ting-a-Ling hesitated, then he said: "Water!"

"Water!" exclaimed Knarf and Hanid in the utmost amazement.

"Water!"

Ting-a-Ling nodded. "I told you that you were going to be surprised. Yes, my friends, I think water is the strongest thing in the world."

"But—but, water is nothing," said Knarf. "You can fill a glass with it and spill it out."

"That's right," said Hanid, "and if it's on the ground in a puddle you can splash in it."

Ting-a-Ling said nothing. He just kept smiling while Knarf and Hanid went on. "An elephant can push over trees! Water can't! So an elephant is stronger!"

"A lion can kill almost any other animal, Ting-a-Ling!" said Hanid. "Water can't! So a lion is stronger!"

When Knarf and Hanid were all through, Ting-a-Ling said quietly: "Yes, water seems quite weak. You can spill it out and splash in it. You can drink it and take a bath in it. But water—a whole ocean of water—can hold up a ship that is a thousand times bigger than an elephant. And it can do more than just hold it up. It can toss it around like a tiny cork."

"As for pushing over trees," he continued, "ever a little brook can do that. It might



Hanid thought a lion was the strongest thing in the world.

take it a long time, for water works slowly, very slowly, but sooner or later the tree would be pushed over. And water can wear away a mountain until the mountain is nothing but a tiny grain of sand.

"Yes," Ting-a-Ling continued, "and water can be fiercer than any lion. It can roar in a storm. It can leap up in great angry waves. No animal in the world, even elephants and lions, dare to fight it. It would dash them to pieces and drown them. Water fears no one. For no one in all the world is as strong."

And when Knarf and Hanid thought about what Ting-a-Ling had said, they finally had to agree that he was right.

"I never thought water was so strong," Knarf said.

"I never thought about water at all," confessed Hanid.

And so they walked on until finally they reached home. And then, almost forgetting what Ting-a-Ling had said, they all three had a cool glass of water and enjoyed it very much. It seemed to be quite the weakest and most harmless and pleasant thing that anyone could possibly have after a pleasant walk.

Works Very Slowly

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By Order,

H. MIBA,

Secretary.

The Sports Roundabout

CORONATION CUP MAY BE THE FLOP OF THE YEAR

By W. CAPEL KIRBY & DAVID JACK

Insistence on country-before-club etiquette could cause the Coronation Cup competition to go down in history as the Coronation flop. Take the case of Newcastle United, who have accepted the invitation to participate.

Scotland may want Ronnie Simpson, Frank Brennan and Bobby Mitchell for their South African tour.

Billy Foulkes and Reg Davies are likely to be required by Wales for their trip to France and Yugoslavia, while we gather Chile will make overtures for George and Ted Robledo for their match against England.

"So what?" asks Newcastle chief, Stan Seymour. "We've plenty of good players here at St. James' Park." Maybe, but it's our bet that genial Stan will put his foot down when Scotland, Wales and Chile send out their wanted lists.

SCOTS WILL TURN UP. With Arsenal minus Lionel Smith, Ray Daniel and possibly Don Hoyle, and Spurs without Ted Ditchburn, Air Ramsey, Ronnie Burgess and Eddie Bally or Little Tommy Horner you'll see what we mean by flop.

Only saving grace is that the Soccer-crazy Scots will turn up to anything revolving a football.

Amateurs play football for the love of the game—or do they? Directors of a Third Division club still talk about the day they were drawn at home in the FA Cup to an amateur outfit.

Three hours before kick-off a squad of 13 "amateur" officials turned up to check the turnstiles and they didn't leave until the last spectator was in the ground.

RIGHT KIND OF DRIVE. When Denis Hill went from Celtic with a turn of speed and deadly left-foot shot to command him to Rhyl FC, he little dreamed it would land him in show business.

For a spare-time job to augment Soccer earnings he became chauffeur to a theatrical producer and displayed such all-round initiative that he was later appointed manager of Rhyl Amphitheatre.

During his three years in North Wales he has played for Rhyl, Llandudno, Wylton Albion and Llanrwst. Now, at 27, he is considering an offer from go-ahead Headington.

Belfast Celtic, out of Irish League Soccer for three years, are rumored to be contemplating a comeback next season. Meanwhile, Belfast fans have formed their own branch of Glasgow Celtic Supporters' Club.

Halifax referee Arthur Ellis, one of six leading British sportsmen headed by Len Hutton, being warned and dined by critics in London last week, is to be invited to take charge of the Welsh match in Belgrade next close season.

Request comes from the Yugoslavians as a tribute to the way Arthur handled their Helsinki final against the slick Hungarians.

The trainer of a well-known First Division club was so incensed by the remarks of a spectator during a recent match that he sprinkled the man with water from his bucket.

The spectator called a policeman and threatened an assault charge. It was only after a dressing-room apology that the incident was smoothed over.

NOW UP TO ARSENAL. Dundee meet Sunderland in a floodlight match at Roker Park on December 10. But the Dens Park club would prefer to try their strength against Arsenal under the Highbury lights.

Says Dundee chief George Anderson: "We would like to show Arsenal that there are other good teams in Scotland besides Hibs."

Last season Dundee had their only taste of floodlight football when they licked Southampton 3-1 at The Dell. Saints would welcome them back.

Unexpected success of the Irish international Soccer team this season will probably lead to (a) a request for a Women's day in 1953, and (b) shelving, perhaps for all time, of plans for an all-Ireland XI.

"KINGS" IN THE RING. Last year it was eight boxing champions. Tonight it will be eight Kings of Sport who'll be presented to the Duke of Edinburgh at Jack Solomon's Harringway show for the National Playing Fields Association.

The eight? Stan Matthews, "Mac" Bailey, John Matthews, Joe Davis, Dai Rees, Len Hutton, George Richards—and, last but by no means least, Randy Turpin.

Most professional footballers are as touchy as actresses about disclosing their age.

Queen of the South winger, Charlie Johnstone, is different. On Wednesday Charlie celebrated his 41st birthday and is proud of the fact that he's the oldest player in top-class Scottish Soccer.

Any challengers? Cardiff City winger George Hizzett believes he's the only contemporary footballer to have played top-

A Third Division club hoping to sign the costliest player in football? Yes, that's it.

Under heavy fire from supporters following the depredations of last French and Leeds Sables, Southend United officials ran the rule over Eddie Quigley last week-end and don't want to return empty-handed.

Quigley's previous moves—Bury to Sheffield Wednesday, to Preston, to Blackburn—have produced more than £30,000 in transfer fees.

If a deal goes through, Southend will have to sign a cheque in the region of £8,000, easily a record for the club.

SEVEN FOR SEVEN

Leicestershire-born Leicester and Herts cricketer Freddie Allen returns to his native Manchester this week and plans to live at Altrincham. But he will continue to assist Herts in Minor Counties cricket next season.

Freddie once helped Tottenham CC out of a team difficulty against Ranelagh—and straightaway ruined the match by taking seven wickets with seven balls.

Only three members of the England team which lined up against Belgium cost their club more than the national 2-1 signing-on fee. Alf Ramsey, Roy Bentley and Bill Elliott.

England's Test Chances

PESSIMISM DEPLORED

London, Dec. 9.

England had already gone a long way toward building a strong XI and if she won the rubber against Australia in 1953, it would be one of the finest things in cricket for years, the MCC Secretary, Mr. Ronald Ald, told county secretaries at their annual meeting today.

"For goodness sake let us have a little optimism when we have the Australians here again," Mr. Ald said.

"If we can win the rubber in 1953, it would not only be one of the finest things for ourselves but for Australia, South Africa, West Indies, New Zealand, India and Pakistan." If we got on top again there would be greater public interest in our tours abroad.

Mr. Ald said he was looking confidently to the future. He was encouraged by the increase in the number of finished matches last summer.

Referring to the call for brighter cricket and the welfare of first class cricket, Mr. Ald said: "I am not a believer in altering the laws in order to force sides to play in a way in which they ought to play."

"Anyhow, the responsibility rests with the captains to see that the sides insist on a right approach to the game especially on the first day of a match. It is also essential that both captains play the same type of game. They must ensure that players do not waste time even when the game is not in a favourable position for them."

W. Australia & NSW Draw

Perth, Dec. 9.

Western Australia took first innings points from their Sheffield Shield match against New South Wales which ended in a draw here today.

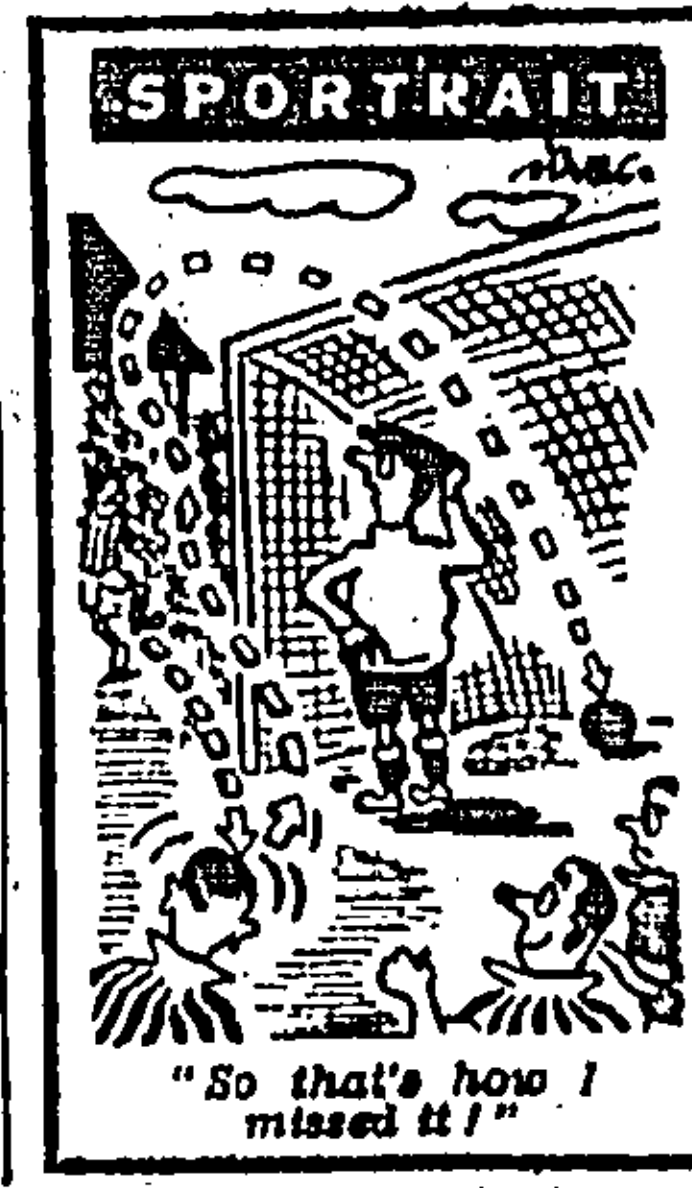
It was the second successive Shield game in which the reigning Champions had failed to gain a point, but they were weakened by the absence of Morris, Lindwall and Miller, away on Test duty.

When play resumed today, New South Wales faced defeat but they were pulled out of trouble by a brilliant third wicket stand of 107 between two youngsters, R. Briggs and Ian Craig, who were helped by lapses in the field.

Briggs went on to score 121 before being caught out a ball from Gorringer.

Craig, who took some risks during an aggressive knock, equalled his previous best score in first class cricket with 91.

Final scores: New South Wales 259 and 302; Western Australia 405 and two for no wicket.



Freddie Mills Is Planning A Comeback

By ARCHIE QUICK

London.

Freddie Mills, ex-Cruiserweight Champion of the World, sat in his promoter's office and said to me: "I am going to make a comeback. If I cannot beat Tommy Farr, Don Cockell and Johnny Williams, I'm a Dutchman."

"I am going to carefully watch the Farr-Cockell fight which is a final eliminator for the British title. If I am satisfied, I will challenge the winner. If the Board of Control announces that the winner can fight Williams for the Championship, I will wait and challenge the winner of that fight. It is possible, like Len Harvey before me, I shall be my own match-maker—and promoter as well, at the Empress Hall."

That is all very well. I am Mills' greatest admirer inside and outside the ring. In the roped square his lion-hearted displays against heavyweights from this country, Europe and America did more than anything else in the last 20 years to give prestige to British boxing.

But as I looked at him sitting at his office desk, with his hair grown even longer than usual for a film he is making, I peered beyond the mask of his cheery pugilist's face, beyond the deep-set eyes and thought of the hidings he took from Lesnevich, Bakshi, Marshall, Woodcock and Maxim. I pondered on the inevitable mental and physical damage the blows must have wrought. I remembered the confessions in his recent book that he had had blackouts, suffered from coma and had hung up his gloves for good.

IS IT WISE?

In such circumstances is a comeback wise, I thought? Of course it is not. There is easy money to pick up. It is true, for Mills' reputation would fill any hall in the kingdom, but I am sick at the thought of what may happen to this courageous man. He started as a milkman, then came the RAF after a short spell of professionalism, and then a post-war career of outstanding success.

With no pretensions of education, Mills possesses an innate charm, a gentlemanly address and can hold his own in any company. Since retirement he has carved for himself a simultaneous career as a promoter, as a BBC disc jockey, as a film actor, as a restaurateur, and in commercial films, radio and advertising. Why come back?

There is additionally the emasculation of the world cause to his father-in-law, Ted Broadribb. Ted took Freddie to the top, but he also happens to be

Far East Rugby Union Proposed

Kuala Lumpur.

The Malaysian Rugby Union would like to see a Far East Union formed to facilitate inter-country tours by rugby teams. The proposal to form such a union was first made by C. Komarakul, Counsellor at the Thai Embassy in London.

Mr. V. N. Hughes, Hon. Secretary of the M.R.U., said he had not officially heard anything about Komarakul's proposal, but he was writing to the Rugby Union, in Twickenham, for more details.

Mr. Hughes said another benefit of such a union would be the co-ordination of arrangements for Far Eastern tours by British and European teams so that they could play in all Far East countries.—Associated Press.

Cambridge Win The Inter-Varsity Rugger Match

London, Dec. 9.

Cambridge University defeated Oxford University by six points to five in the annual rugby match at Twickenham today.

Oxford led five-nil at half-time.

The first scoring of the game, watched by the Duke of Edinburgh and a crowd of 45,000, came in the 18th minute when Oxford's left-wing three-quarter Pollard went over in the corner and Robinson kicked a magnificent conversion from the touch line.

The Light Blues never lost heart and made it five-three in the second half when full-back Davis landed a nice kick after an Oxford forward had been caught offside. In the 52nd minute the Light Blues gained what proved to be their winning lead when right-wing three-quarter Jones touched down in the corner. Davis failed with his kick at goal.

The credit for Cambridge's unexpected win went to the magnificent Cambridge pack who were ably supported by young Harry Morgan, the stand-off half, who was a last-minute selection.

Oxford had every opportunity, but when Cambridge scored from the penalty kick five minutes after the interval, the Dark Blues became rattled and allowed themselves to be put completely out of their stride.

SINGAPORE BADMINTON TEAM HERE

Fourteen members of the Lucky Strike badminton team of Singapore arrived in Hongkong yesterday morning by air for a series of badminton exhibition matches in conjunction with local players.

They came without the Thomas Cup, which the Hongkong Badminton Association had hoped to display to local followers of the game during the exhibition matches.

At a Press conference held at the Sunning House, Mr. Lim Chuan Geok, adviser of the visiting team and President of the Singapore Badminton Association, said that their inability to bring the Cup had been their only regret since they left Singapore. He expressed the team's appreciation of the warm reception given them on their arrival.

CUP MAY YET COME

Mr. Lim said that the idea of displaying the Thomas Cup, which is the emblem of world supremacy in this sport, was to give an incentive to local players to improve their game, so that the next Thomas Cup competition will most likely see at least one additional entry. He expressed the hope that the Cup would be here before the series begins tomorrow, as after due consultation with the officials of the Hongkong Badminton Association, cables were telegraphed to the Singapore Badminton Association requesting them to ask the Malaysian Badminton Association to send the Cup by the first available plane.

The visitors were met at the airport by a large group of Hongkong officials and players, including the President, Mr. Wai Kuei-yang, the Vice-President, Mr. W. Gilles, the Hon. Secretary, Mr. R. F. Wong, the Hon. Treasurer, Mr. P. H. Wong, members of the entertainment committee, and Mrs. L. F. de Souza and Mr. J. C. Gulgum.

The team consists of two officials, Mr. Ong Siok Tan (manager) and Mr. Lim Chuan Geok (adviser), eight players: Ong Poh-lin, Loong Pan-yap, Low Poh-hye, Chionh Chai-tuan, Foo Hon-hin, Chionh Pau-luke, Mrs. Ong Siew-Eng and Mrs. Tam Kim-lui, and four supporters.

FOUR MATCHES

The series of four matches will be played at the Southern Playland on December 11, 12, 14 and 16.

The following is the programme for the opening games tomorrow night:—

1. Men's Singles—Ong Poh-lin (Lucky Strike) v Ramon Young (Hongkong).

2. Ladies' Doubles—Mrs. Ong Siew-Eng and Mrs. Tam Kim-lui (Lucky Strike) v Miss Alice Khee and Miss Wanda Cheung (Hongkong).

3. Men's Singles—Loong Pan-yap (Lucky Strike) v Bill Fung (Hongkong).

4. Men's Doubles—Low Poh-hye and Foo Hon-hin (Lucky Strike) v Robert Tay and P. H. Wong (Hongkong).

5. Schoolboys' Singles—Chionh Chai-tuan (Lucky Strike) v J. Pomeroy, Jr. (Hongkong).

6. Mixed Doubles—Ong Poh-lin and Mrs. Tam Kim-lui (Lucky Strike) v Ramon Young and Miss Wanda Cheung (Hongkong).

7. Mixed Doubles—Loong Pan-yap and Mrs. Ong Siew-Eng v Robert Tay and Mrs. M. Gouveia (Hongkong).

Sedgman & McGregor Win Victorian Doubles Final

Melbourne, Dec. 9.

Frank Sedgman and Ken McGregor beat Ken Rosewall and Lewis Hoad 6-4, 10-8, 8-6 and 6-3 for the Victorian Doubles title and did much to brighten their tarnishing reputation.

The Australian see pair had won only one of their previous tournaments as a Doubles team. That was the Queensland Championship.

Sedgman and Mervyn Rose beat them for the United States National title and Rose and Don Candy beat them for the New South Wales title in Sydney.

ANOTHER BOOST

Today McGregor showed his best form of the Victorian tournament and gave Australian Davis Cup hopes another boost.

But apart from this Doubles win there was nothing pleasing for the Australians in the Victorian tournament—the last before the Davis Cup. The Americans won three other major titles and shared in a fourth.

Vic Seixas won the Men's Singles and Maureen Connolly the Women's Singles yesterday.

Today Maureen and her American teammate, Julie Sampson, won the Women's Doubles, beating Mary Hawton and Beryl Penrose 6-2, 6-4.

Rex Hartwig and Julie won the Mixed Doubles title, beating Don Candy and Mary Hawton, 8-6, 7-5.—Associated Press.

TOUGHEST MATCH

Rosewall and Hoad gave Sedgman and McGregor their toughest match of the tournament and for a while seemed to have the big pair in trouble. There was some high powered tennis from both sides.

There were many rallies with four players up near the net and long exchanges without the ball touching the ground. McGregor was the best player on the court and for some of the time Sedgman was the worst.



BRISBANE TEST

South Africans
Need 187
For Victory

Brisbane, Dec. 9. South Africa, with eight second innings wickets left, needed 187 runs to beat Australia in the first Test when the fourth day's play ended here today.

Australia lost their remaining four second innings wickets to day for the addition of 35 runs, and were all out for 277.

Left to get 337 runs to win, South Africa had scored 150 for two when stumps were drawn.

The South Africans began cautiously, but off spinner Ian Johnson had Waite stumped with only 20 runs on the board. Waite, who had batted 49 minutes for 14, probed forward and for just a fraction his foot moved out of the crease, but that was sufficient for Langley to effect a masterly stumping.

At 07. Ray Lindwall, in his third over of his second spell, smashed through Russell Endean's defence, the extra speed and inward swing of his faster ball completely bending the batsman on a l.b.w. decision. Endean made 12.

Then, with the crowd cheering practically every South African run, opening bats Jackie McGlew and Ken Funtun came together to defy the depleted Australian attack until the close. The pair had put on an unfinished 83 runs for the third wicket to saving the game round in South Africa's favour. McGlew was not out 68 and Funtun not out 53.

Australia's pace bowler, Keith Miller, did not play to-day. Lindwall, too, was off colour, suffering from gastric trouble and a slight temperature, but he performed splendidly.

With the pitch showing definite signs of wear, the game, which ends to-morrow, is now in a most interesting position.—Reuter.

West Bromwich
Coach Resigns

London, Dec. 9. The West Bromwich Albion Football Club tonight accepted the resignation of its coach, Jesse Carver, freeing him for a new assignment with the Torino FC of Italy.

Carver said he was leaving at the end of this week. "The offer made to me by the Italian club was such that it was not possible for me to refuse," he said. He did not say what the offer was.—Associated Press.

Bob and Bing in Bali

CAN THE 'ROAD'
SURVIVE BEING
5 YEARS CLOSED?

By LEONARD MOSLEY

London. THE most-travelled trio in films—Bob Hope, Bing Crosby, and Dorothy Lamour—take to the road again.

This time it's the *Road to Bali*, the sixth in the celebrated series of films which have taken them to Singapore, Zanzibar, Morocco, Utopia, and Rio.

The film opens in London, and the Paramount Film chiefs who made it are nervously fraying cigar ends as they await news of its reception.

For it is five years since the trio were last seen on the *Road to Rio*. And it is an axiom of show business that it is always difficult to revive old partnerships.

Would Ginger Rogers and Fred Astaire be received ecstatically if they teamed up again? Would William Powell and Myrna Loy still enchant if they exhumed *The Thin Man*?

Will Hope, Crosby and Lamour repeat their earlier triumvirate successes?

In colour

THE corollary question which of course greatly concerns the studio chiefs is will *Road to Bali* attract as much money to the box-offices as the previous films in the series, which netted four million dollars each.

To ensure large returns Paramount have invested a little more in the new film. For the first time in the series they have splashed out in colour, which adds 25 per cent to a film's budget.

But otherwise I'm told they have adhered trustfully to the old formula. Hope and Crosby battle bitterly for the favours of Miss Lamour. (Of screen incidentally she playfully calls them "my sons") and they call her "Mummy".

No change

THE comedy situations have the same old gay irrelevance and disregard for the rules of the screen.

★★★ A SEAT IN THE STALLS ★★★



LAMOUR AND HER 'SONS'
The Kill on the Road to Bali

When Crosby, for example, finally walks off with Lamour, Hope, refusing to accept defeat, brushes "The End" title off the screen and only succumbs when "Positively the End" appears in large letters.

Sarong girl

THE costumes are startling, and they include, of course, the sarong as worn by Miss Lamour. When the film was being planned she stated: "I don't want the public to see me again as just a sarong girl."

She was perhaps over-estimating the tastes of the public, and her own abilities. But the studios insisted on it. And now in a cable from America she tells me proudly: "After all these years my measurements hadn't changed and I was able to wear the sarong without any trouble."

She adds loyally: "And after the five-year interval I think we've succeeded in making the best of the *Road* series. Let me know what you think."

Wobble, then

DURING these five years, without the support of Hope and Crosby, her film career has wobbled.

But if *Road to Bali* comes up to expectations lucrative new contracts will be offered. Hope and Crosby will have helped to elevate her to top stardom again.

The 35-year-old "mummy" should be thankful to her 48-year-old "sons."

TV. defined

LATEST Bob Hope gag (not used in the *Road to Bali*). It defines television: "The box they buried vaudeville in."

Mis-laid

A MISSING name plaque almost held up the Duke of Edinburgh's flight to Malta last Wednesday week.

Attached to one of BEA's Elizabethan planes and bearing the name of Sir Francis Bacon, the plaque had been lent to a film company for a flying sequence in *The Innocents* in Paris.

On Tuesday BEA phoned the film company anxiously requesting the return of the plaque. The Duke had to be photographed boarding the plane with the name in the background. Besides he couldn't travel in an anonymous plane.

But the film company had mislaid the plaque. They searched long into the night, found it only a few hours before the plane was due to leave, and rushed it to the airport. The required photograph was taken. The Duke left safely with Sir Francis Bacon.

'Taken in'

MISS MAUREEN SWANSON has said "No," categorically, to Mr. Errol Flynn.

He had asked her to sign a two-year contract to make five films, the first produced in Rome. He had even taken her in a much-publicised week-end trip to Rome to discuss the film with his partners. She was almost ready to sign the contract when suddenly she changed her mind.

Why should an ambitious young actress turn down the opportunity of prominence and profit with Mr. Flynn?

She gave me the answer last week:—

"At first I was taken in by the glamour of being leading lady to Errol Flynn. Any young actress would have been, don't you think?"

I offered unqualified agreement.

MISS SWANSON has a dewy, ingenious look. (In profile she strikingly resembles the young Vivien Leigh.) Her grey eyes are guileless, but her pretty head, resting on sculptured shoulders, is by no means hollow.

Without fear

Armed with a quota of Scots common sense—she was born in Glasgow—she faces the future fearlessly and "Flynnlessly."

Now, when she could have been romancing before the cameras in Rome, she is studying at a drama school, taking singing and French lessons.

She played her first professional part on the stage as Louise in *Carousel*. Recently she played a starring part in a British film called *Choir Practice*. (I hope it will be called something more attractive before release.)

Last week Miss Swanson celebrated her 20th birthday. Among her presents was a copy of Bertrand Russell's *History of Western Philosophy* ("I asked for it.") But another present was a frivolous compact in the shape of a hand mirror from a donor who admires her looks as well as her mind.

From Mr. Flynn, now in Rome, no presents arrived. Not even a card.

Optimism

THE week's matchless example of wild optimism—"Wanted, 40,000 dollars to produce play. Letter must furnish references and be able to withstand rigid investigation."—Ad. in *The Hollywood Reporter*.

His standards

IT is being said about a British film production executive:—"Throughout his career he has consistently set himself the lowest standards in filmmaking—and consistently failed to attain them."

—(London Express Service.)

CLAIRE
BLOOM
TO STAR
WITH
MASON

Claire Bloom has accepted an offer from Sir Alexander Korda to star opposite James Mason in a new Carol Reed film.

In her fourth picture—"Blind Goddess," "Lime-gate," with Chaplin, and "Innocents in Paris" are the other three—21-year-old Claire Bloom gets the best of the British film business can offer.

She also agreed that in the next five years she will make two more films for Korda. She said: "This doesn't make me a film star, remember. I shall still spend most of my time in the theatre."

After her success at the Old Vic as Juliet, the girl unknown three years ago can now name her own part. In her new film it will be a romantic one.

—(London Express Service.)

How Ava Slid Into
"The Snows"

London. As we came out at the end of the premiere of *The Snows of Kilimanjaro* at the Leicester Square Theatre, a girl I know went across to Gregory Peck to ask:—

"How on earth did you persuade Susan Hayward to share star billing in your picture—not with you, of course, but with Ava Gardner, of all people?"

A good question. Until it happened most people (including Miss Hayward herself) would have told you that the lick-up of these two potent star names was as likely as a marriage between Senator McCarthy and Joseph Stalin's aunt. Miss Hayward has definite ideas about the pulling power of her talents, and those ideas do not include Ava Gardner.

It so happens, however, that once a year the big boss of Susan Hayward's studio produces a film all on his own. It is his annual party piece. No effort is spared to help turn it into a success.

THE BIG PART

When the big boss decided that he would make Ernest Hemingway's famous short story, *"The Snows of Kilimanjaro"*, all his underlings immediately read it. They discovered it was the story of an ex-newspaperman-novelist dying (of a poisoned leg and broken spirits) in Kenya.

In his delirium he looks back on the lost illusions and wrecked ideals of his past life—while his faithful and brave young wife keeps the fires of his face, and the vultures, hyenas, and witch-doctors wait outside his tent for him to die.

There was no need to look further than their own studio for two stars to fill these roles. Gregory Peck was ideal for the hero. Susan Hayward was given Hemingway's story to read. She noted that though other women were mentioned,

they got only a few lines. Hers was obviously the meaty part.

ENTER AVA. For nearly a month she worked at Peck's bedside on a studio set representing an African camp site while the cameras registered her part.

Then abruptly she was told she could go home. "While we make the flashbacks."

"Who's in them?" she asked. "Matty, Ava Gardner."

"WHAT?" shouted Miss Hayward, as her fellow workers ran for cover. "How did SHE get into the story?"

It was explained that a part of the hero's first big, tragic love affair had been written in especially for Ava.

Susan was reported so furious that she threatened a walk-out on the film. It was then that the director gently pointed out that her work on *"The Snows"* had been completed first—before she learned about Ava.

And, having seen the film, do I sympathise with Susan? Well, certainly Ava Gardner steals the picture from her.

She is a gay girl of the 'twenties, slicked with the spirit of giving, who loads her affections on Peck until she begins to stifle him.

For the first time in her life Ava Gardner puts a part with passion and feeling, and when she is in full palpitation the girl is a lovely and moving thing to see.

IT'S A TREAT. So is the film. At its best it is a great and effective splooge of violence and sentiment. Its scenes in Africa are colourful; its flashbacks during the Spanish War superb.

Sometimes the dialogue is trite and sometimes the sentimentality is embarrassing. But rich, big films like this come rarely enough from Hollywood these days for me to consider *"The Snows"* (with Peck and Hayward and Ava Gardner) something in the nature of a treat.—LEONARD MOSLEY.

—(London Express Service.)

Snooker League

Results of Geo. Younger Snooker League matches played last night were:—

KCC "Green" 3; Chatterman's Mess 2; Lunlano "Blue" 2; Lunlano "White" 3.

Harrier Road Race

Entries for the 7th International Harrier Road Race (1953) close at 8 p.m. on December 16.

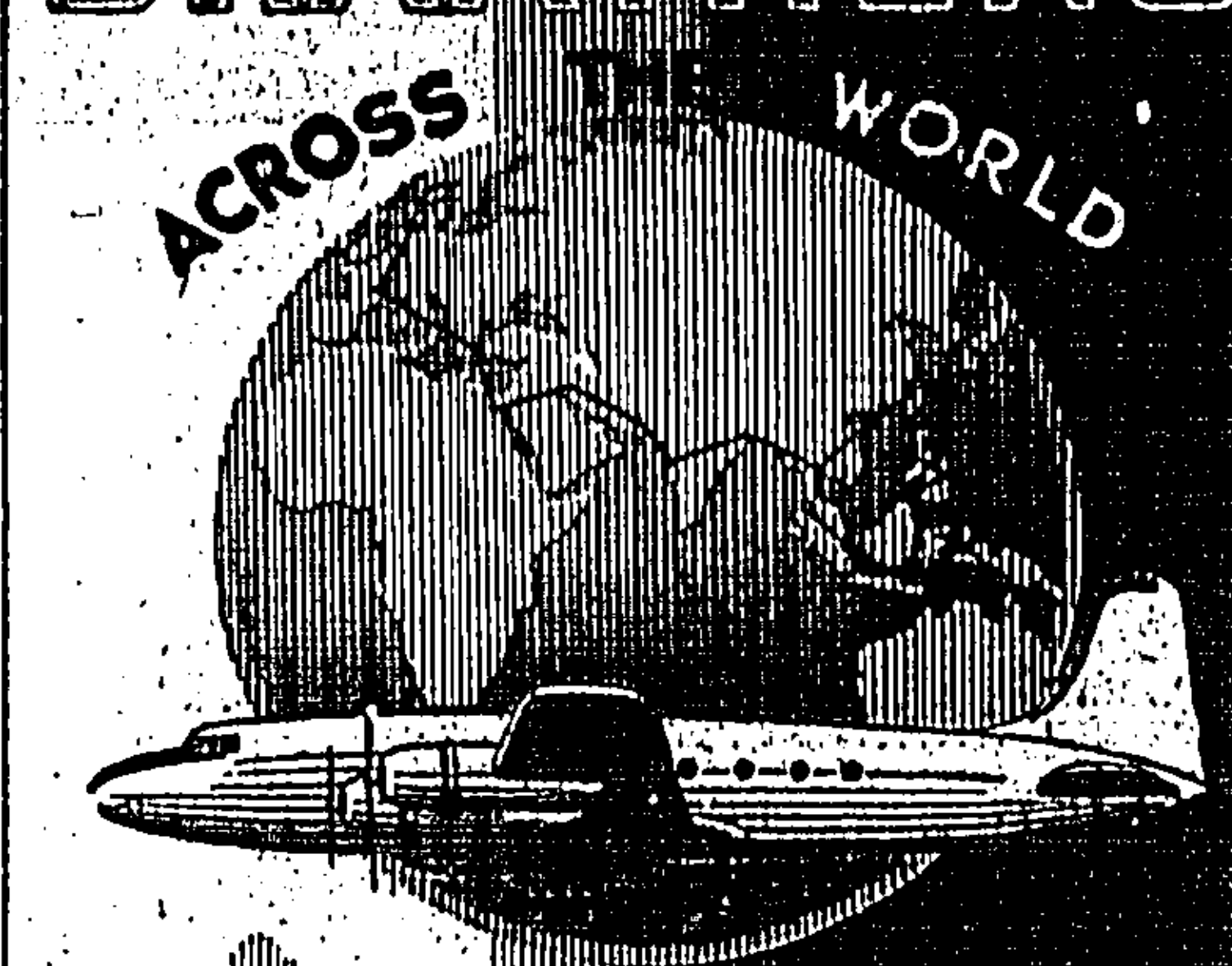
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Mr. Botbol explained. Plants and articles he put in the garden of the cottage in Kniveton-road, Bournemouth, he took to his new home, Burley Beacon, Burley, Hampshire. A pond was filled in because it would have been dangerous. He dug up the lawn intending to take the turf away.

But Mr. Justice Devlin called it a scorched-earth policy—"he was determined none of the improvements should fall, so to speak, into the hands of the enemy." And he awarded Mr. Garrett, of Binchester Hall Hotel, Warcham, Dorset, £250 damages.

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(From Our Correspondent)

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East Asia	152		
HSBC	700	700	
Union	145		
Asia Nav.	140	1.00	
DOCKS, ETC.	100	150	91.50
IC. Wharf	12.50	12.50	12.50
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Wharfedale	12		
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Light	22.20	22.20	
Star Ferry	0.45	200	0.45
C. Light	0.20	200	0.20
Electric	23.80	24	23.80
Macao Elec.	11.20	1000	11.20
Telephone	17.50	1000	17.50
INDUSTRIES			
Cement	19.20	1200	19.20
Rope	20.90		
Stores, ETC.			
Watson	10.20	195	10.20
Watson	23	200	24.80
COTTONS			
Swire	2.20		
MISCELLANEOUS			
Yangtze	5.50	5.50	1000

Trade Drive In The Backward Countries By The Reds

BUSINESS DEALS ON A BARTER BASIS

London.

In the trade bid which the Communist countries are now making as a new contribution to the cold war, China's relations with the Asian members of the Commonwealth are of paramount importance.

The recent establishment of a Ministry of Foreign Trade of the Peking Government reflects both the progress already made and the hopes that are entertained for the future.

The leader of the Chinese delegation to the Moscow conference confidently declared that trade relations between China and the rest of Asia, "and even with countries of Africa, . . . will certainly have a chance of growing in the future."

The new Minister of Foreign Trade, Mr. Yeh Chi-chuang, has similarly predicted a bright future for Chinese trade with India, Burma, Pakistan, Ceylon and Indonesia, naming as one of the propitious circumstances the overseas Chinese who live in these countries and are financially interested in Sino-Asian commerce.

China has just concluded her fifth grain contract with India and has recently become Ceylon's best customer for rubber—at prices above world rates.

Indeed, if the recent Asian-Pacific peace conference in Moscow capital reached one height of expectation above all others, it must have been the moment when it was announced that a trade agreement between China and Ceylon—"the first of its kind signed between China and a South-East Asian country," Peking Radio said—had been concluded.

As the U.S. is an exporter of rice to Asia, the Chinese Minister of Trade must have been close to jubilation when he described as "specially noteworthy" the price ratio between rice and rubber fixed in the Sino-Ceylon agreement.

Since conferences like the one held in early October in Peking are "regionalisations" of such world gatherings as the Moscow meeting, the representativeness of themes already developed.

From the Eastern point of view, their success is undoubtedly measured by such facts as the ability of a New Zealand delegate in Peking to sound anything but

absurd in recalling that as part of UNRRA assistance to Nationalist China, New Zealand sent simple farm tools.

In the same way, it is harder for an Australian "peace-with-trade" delegate to keep his feet on the ground in Moscow than it recently proved in the capital of "the Near North."

The East's willingness to do business on a barter basis is intended to have a special appeal for the under-developed countries. The East Germans have established a special department of their State foreign trade organisation to handle deals of this kind, and for three years now China has been carrying on trade with non-Communist countries almost exclusively on a barter basis.

Shipping has been a main cause of difficulty in trade between the Asian members of the Commonwealth and the countries of the Soviet bloc.

General Indian and Pakistani speakers at the Moscow conference strongly attacked "shipping monopolies," and one attributed the lack of Indian-East German trade entirely to the absence of regular contact between the two countries.

A widespread belief that Western shipping concerns are responsible for the failure so far of delivery to be made of the 100,000 tons of steel the Russians offered to sell Pakistan at the Moscow conference, is also known to exist in Asia.

Again, the Eastern bloc is offering an answer to the problem: its own merchant fleet. Poland, Eastern Germany and Hungary are all now building ocean-going ships. Two Polish shipping companies are operating nearly 20 regular lines to India, Pakistan, Ceylon, Burma, Hongkong, Singapore, Australia and South Africa. The New Commonwealth.

TRADE WITH CEYLON

China is willing to reduce the price of rice and increase shipments to Ceylon, a senior Ceylon Government official said today.

A trade agreement is now being concluded with China by an official Ceylon Government mission in Peking, the official said.

Information received from Peking indicated that China has agreed to supply 50,000 tons more rice than the original quota of 200,000 tons annually for five years. —Reuter.

Johore Bauxite

For Japan

Singapore, Dec. 9. Malaysia's only bauxite-producing mine, the Rumania Bauxite Mine, has agreed to supply 50,000 tons of the ore to Japan in five months.

A Japanese liner, Shikoku Maru, has arrived off the coast of Penang, Johore, to take the first consignment of 6,000 tons for the Nippon Light Metal Company.

The only Malaysian mine to produce bauxite, since the end of the war, the company has now a stockpile of 20,000 tons, a Director said yesterday.

The mine has been operating since August with a pilot plant. —Reuter.

Exchange Rates

Business was done in the local financial exchange market this morning at the following rates:

100 dollars (per 100)	20.25
100 dollars (per 100)	10.25
100 dollars (per 100)	27.40
100 dollars (per 100)	25.50
100 dollars (per 100)	12.24
100 dollars (per 100)	11.20

JAPANESE BONDS

London, Dec. 9. Japanese bonds:

"A" (4% of 1899)	84 1/2
"B" (4% of 1910)	79 1/2
"C" (4% of 1911)	180 1/2
"D" (4% of 1912)	107 1/2
"E" (4% of 1913)	104 1/2
"F" (4% of 1914)	59 1/2

Consols. —United Press.

Denial By World Bank Mission

Tokyo, Dec. 9.

An official spokesman today denied reports appearing in London that visiting World Bank experts had raised objections to granting loans to Japan.

Text of the reports had only just reached here as published in London on November 28 (by the Financial Times quoting a Tokyo correspondent).

The spokesman called attention to a statement by the World Bank mission now in Japan categorically denying that they had come to any conclusions.

Messrs John C. De Wilde and William M. Gilmartin of the World Bank, reported in their statement to reports in the Japanese Press to the effect they had reached unfavourable conclusions.

They said: "We wish to stress that we have reached no conclusions, pessimistic or optimistic."

The World Bank mission statement continued: "We are continuing our studies. It will be understood that we shall be unable to make public our eventual recommendations on bank lending to Japan until these have been thoroughly discussed in Washington."

A Foreign Office spokesman said there was no ground for a report that the Foreign Office had the two experts saying Japan was not an attractive field for foreign capital.

The assumption here was that Japanese Press speculation which is often attributed to official sources without real authority had found its way to London. —Reuter.

Trade Talks To Be Held In Tokyo

Tokyo, Dec. 9.

Talks for the conclusion of a Japan-Pakistan trade agreement will be held here from December 20, according to Government sources.

The talks had been postponed from the Spring because Japan had not settled on the amount of her purchase of Pakistani raw cotton.

However, Japan recently contracted with Pakistan on the purchase of 400,000 bales of raw cotton, thus paving the way for holding trade talks.

The proposed trade agreement will provide for the amount of imports and exports for a year beginning on January 1.

The Japanese Government, according to these sources, hopes for a mutual trade amounting to \$36,000,000 annually. —France-Press.

World Output Of Rubber

Washington, Dec. 9.

The Commerce Department announced today that the world production of natural rubber totalled 155,000 long tons in October.

The January-October total amounted to 1,445,000 tons, a decline of eight per cent from the 1,570,000 reported for the same period in 1951.

U.S. imports of natural rubber amounted to 55,000 long tons during October, bringing the 10 months total of 1951 to 670,111 long tons. This compares with 62,215 long tons in October 1951 and with 631,714 long tons for the 10 months total of 1951.

World consumption of natural rubber in October amounted to 130,000 long tons, bringing a cumulative 10 months total to 2,000,000 tons, down 0.3 per cent from 2,000,000 tons estimated in January-October 1951. —United Press.

New York Sugar

Futures

New York, Dec. 9.

World sugar futures closed unchanged to 4 points lower with sales totalling 322 contracts.

Contract No. 6 closed unchanged to 2 points higher with sales totalling 322 contracts.

Contract No. 4 (world) January . . . 3.04 nominal
February . . . 3.04 nominal
March . . . 3.04 nominal
April . . . 3.04 nominal
May . . . 3.04 nominal
June . . . 3.04 nominal
July . . . 3.04 nominal
August . . . 3.04 nominal
September . . . 3.04 nominal
October . . . 3.04 nominal
November . . . 3.04 nominal
December . . . 3.04 nominal

Jap Exports Of Bicycles

Tokyo, Dec. 9.

Exports of bicycles in October totalled \$350,000 or an increase of \$50,000 from September, according to the Bicycle Industry Association.

The Association expected exports in November and December would show a further increase. It disclosed that total bicycle exports in the first 10 months amounted to \$5,632,000 of which Singapore accounted for 30 per cent and Indonesia 20 per cent. Exports of bicycles produced in October. —France-Press.

ROYAL INTEROCEAN LINES

	SAILINGS	To
"STRAAT BOENDIA"	Dec. 10	Singapore, N. Africa & E. Africa
"TJIPANAS"	Dec. 12	Singapore, Djakarta, Palembang, Cheribon, Semarang, Surabaya & Macassar
"TJITALENGKA"	Dec. 15	Manila, Japan
"TJILUWAI"	Dec. 16	Singapore, Djakarta, Semarang, Surabaya & Macassar
"RUYS"	Dec. 18	Japan
"TJIMENTENG"	Dec. 20	Japan
"TJASMAN"	Dec. 20	Japan
"TJISADANE"	Dec. 20	Japan
"TJIPONDOK"	Jan. 7	Singapore, Djakarta, Semarang, Surabaya & Macassar
"TJIBODAS"	Jan. 8	Manila, Singapore, Djakarta, Mauritius, S. Africa & S. America
"VAN HEUTSZ"	Jan. 10	Singapore, Penang, Delawan Dell, Singapore, Penang, Delawan Dell, Singapore, Penang, Delawan Dell
"TASMAN"	Jan. 13	Singapore, Penang, Delawan Dell, Singapore, Penang, Delawan Dell, Singapore, Penang, Delawan Dell
"TJILUWAI"	Jan. 16	Singapore, Penang, Delawan Dell, Singapore, Penang, Delawan Dell, Singapore, Penang, Delawan Dell
"TJIPONDOK"	Jan. 23	Djakarta, Semarang, Surabaya & Macassar
"TJIBANTJET"	Jan. 26	Japan
"TJIPANAS"	Feb. 2	Singapore, Djakarta, Semarang, Surabaya & Macassar
"TASMAN"	Feb. 4	Japan
"TJITALENGKA"	Feb. 5	Japan
"TJISADANE"	Feb. 9	Singapore, Djakarta, Mauritius, S. Africa & S. America
"TJILUWAI"	Feb. 16	Singapore, Djakarta, Semarang, Surabaya & Macassar
"TJIMENTENG"	Feb. 18	Manila, Singapore, N. & S. Africa
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"TJIPONDOK"	Mar. 2	Singapore, Djakarta, Semarang, Surabaya & Macassar
"STRAAT BOENDIA"	Mar. 4	Japan
"TJISADANE"	Mar. 9	Manila, Singapore, Djakarta, Mauritius, S. Africa & S. America
"TJIPANAS"	Mar. 10	Japan

	ARRIVALS	From
"TJIPANAS"	Dec. 10	Japan
"TJILUWAI"	Dec. 12	Manila, Singapore, Djakarta, Mauritius, S. Africa & S. America
"TJITALENGKA"	Dec. 14	S. America, S. Africa, Mauritius & Singapore
"TJIMENTENG"	Dec. 23	S. Africa, Mauritius, Djakarta & Singapore

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Industrial Output Rising In America

New York, Dec. 9.

Industrial production is at a post-war peak and the Federal Reserve Board says it is still on the rise. Many companies are considering expansion plans.

Confidence continues in the air. Almost everyone feels sure the first half of 1953 will bring good business.

Some economists feel certain that the high levels of business activity can be sustained beyond the end of heavy defence spending. Even the more pessimistic think any let-down may be mild.

The National Association of Purchasing Agents, the men who buy materials for the nation's factories, reported back orders are high and production is in the first time since the start of the Korean war.

Economists agreed the Eisenhower election has had a good psychological effect on business. The latest actual figures on industrial production generally were in the October report of the Federal Reserve Board.

The Federal Reserve index of industrial production was 227 in October and the Board said it was climbing in November.

ALL-TIME HIGH
That is a post-war peak and compares with a World War II peak of 247 in October and November of 1943.

Sales Management magazine predicted retail sales would hit an all-time high of \$16,300,000,000 in December. This would represent a gain of eight per cent over December, 1951.

Industry leaders attending the National Association of Manufacturers' annual meeting in New York emphasized that all business expects from the new Administration is fair treatment.

They certainly expected none of the attitude of previous administrations, which they said, showed a "bureaucratic" special groups, put Government

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Wants Price Of Gold Increased

London, Dec. 9.

Australian gold mining would show strongly renewed activity if the price of gold were raised to a reasonable level, according to Dr. F. A. Dunn of the Australian Department of National Development.

Dr. Dunn declared this in a paper read to the Commonwealth section of the Royal Society of Arts last night.

(Commonwealth Finance Ministers meeting in London decided last week to seek an increase in the gold price.)

Dr. Dunn said such activity would give an impetus to the general development of Australia.

There were known deposits which would be brought into production and a large part of Australia still required detailed investigation.

He added that extensive areas of the world requiring economic development were being held back by an artificial price.

Dr. Dunn said it was doubtful whether in the last 50 years the total profits from gold mining companies had exceeded the total capital invested in the industry during that period. —Reuter.

LONDON TIN MARKET

The tin market was quiet. Turnover was nil. Prices closed at the end of the official morning session as follows:—

Spot tin, buyers	840
Spot tin, sellers	840
Business done at	840
Three-month tin, buyers	844
Three-month tin, sellers	844
London Cash at	840
Settlement	840

—United Press.

AMERICAN EXPORTS OF RICE

Washington, Dec. 9.

The Agriculture Department allotted yesterday 4,005,000 bags of milled rice for export during the first quarter of 1953.

The Government is controlling exports because supplies are not large enough to meet all domestic, military and export demands.

This brings total rice allocated for export from the 1952 crop to 14,140,555 bags.

The allotments for the next quarter were made at this time, the Department said, in order that importing countries might continue their buying operations without interruption.

The allotments for the first quarter of 1953 included: Department of Defense 2,100,000 bags for military supply programs; Belgium-Luxembourg 25,000; Switzerland 20,000; other European countries 8,000; Cuba 1,750,000; other Western hemisphere countries 85,000; Hongkong 200,000; Japan 800,000; Indonesia 300,000; Middle East areas 15,000 and Republic of Korea 200,000. —Associated Press.

Rubber Futures In Spore

Singapore, Dec. 9.

Prices of rubber futures closed today as follows:—

Number 1 rubber	85 1/2
Number 2 rubber	8

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IT'S WARMER INSIDE

CHARLES is a gaunt, weary, brooding man of 50, with raven-black hair and bushy black eyebrows and a philosophy which, if many shared it with him, would hopelessly disorganise our careful system of punishment of crime.

Charles likes being sent to prison. At this time of the year, of course, when the nights are cold and common lodging houses are crowded and rather draughty, there are always some men who, from time to time, deliberately seek the relative comfort of a prison cell. They indicate their wishes as a rule by throwing a brick or an empty milk bottle through a police-station window and then waiting patiently on the pavement to be arrested.

CHARLES, who prefers longer prison sentences than usually toward this simple crime, has, like a true artist, borrowed the original technique and greatly improved upon it. The other evening, Charles found the urge upon him once again to indulge his addiction for prison. He walked through damp, deserted, cold streets in the neighbourhood of Victoria, and he longed for the brick he knew he could have at Bedon, pined for Pentonville's austere pleasures.

He went into a telephone kiosk, took out a knife, and cut away the instrument from its cable. He took the telephone receiver from the kiosk, and walked a little while with it under his arm. Presently, he found what he was looking for, an inviting plate-glass window in a district where policemen abounded. Charles threw the telephone through the window, and awaited his arrest.

NEXT morning, he was brought to Bow Street, and when Mr. R. H. Blundell, the magistrate, had heard the case outlined, he remanded Charles so that the doctors might make a mental report on him.

For seven idyllic days Charles was in the remand prison. The doctors studied him, and when he was next shown into the dock, Mr. Blundell had their report before him.

"I'm," he said, reading it, "I see the doctors say he's not certain and that treatment is not likely to be helpful."

"Yes, sir," said the officer in charge of the case. "He's been quite frank with me. He says he doesn't like work and he does enjoy being in prison. There are 24 previous convictions, three this year that are of the same nature as this offence. He was a soldier for six years in the war, sir, but he's only had two jobs since. One lasted three months, the other six weeks."

CHARLES had nothing to add to the officer's statement, and the magistrate called upon Mr. Pilgrim, the probation officer, to tell what he knew about Charles.

"He's been perfectly frank with me," Mr. Pilgrim began. Frankness was plainly one of Charles's virtues. "He puts all this down to having no fixed abode. He says, to use his own words, that he can't stick a job when he hasn't got a fixed abode to return to. If he could get a room, he says he would settle down. He really does appear to enjoy prison."

The magistrate rubbed his chin and looked thoughtful, so might a nanny pause to think were she to learn that a spanking was a pleasure to her charges. Mr. Blundell turned to Charles.

"YOU'RE obviously an idle and worthless person," he said, "but I see no reason why the country should keep you. Mr. Pilgrim, who works exceedingly hard for people who genuinely want help, will try to help you to find somewhere to live. I will see you next week."

Charles was shown out, and later he was driven back to the remand prison. For seven more days he would be there; and then, perhaps, with some where to live found for him, and a job of work to do, he would grow out of the habit of regarding prisons as his home.

MASS ARREST OF JEWS

Belgrade, Dec. 9. The official Yugoslav news agency Tanjug said today that mass arrests of Jews were taking place in Czechoslovakia, and there had been several Jewish suicides.

The agency, quoting "informed quarters" in Belgrade, said Dr. Krik Cohen, President of the Jewish Community in Prague, and his wife, and Mr. Rudolf Bystricky, former Czech Ambassador in London, were among the suicides.

The Jewish club of the Israeli Minister was found dead in her house, Tanjug said.

Czech police beat up all the Jews in a Jewish canteen in the Ziskov district, and two policemen hurled two Jews from a tram, shouting: "There is no room for Jews here," the agency reported.

All the Jews in a cafe behind the Prague synagogue were arrested.

Tanjug added that anti-Semitism was spreading to government ministries, and Jews in Czechoslovakia were in grave fear.

(Eight Jews were among eleven men hanged in Czechoslovakia last week on conviction for treason. Charges against them included practising Zionism.)—Reuter.

Purge Starts In East Germany

Berlin, Dec. 9. Otto Grotewohl, Communist Prime Minister of East Germany, announced today the firing of a top Cabinet member. He appeared to confirm rumours of a broad purge of the party similar to the Czech house cleaning.

Grotewohl also admitted that East Germany is having serious economic troubles and promised drastic measures to cure them.

He announced the removal of Hamann, Minister for Trade and Supply in the Soviet controlled East zone government. From Western Socialist sources came a report that Matern, high ranking Politburo member in the East zone is under arrest.

Throughout Berlin rumours spread that the East zone is cracking down on those more or less incompetent. There said a purge trial is being fashioned to snip a conspiracy to overthrow the Red regime.

Grotewohl marshalled the Soviet zone news columns in radio to explain to 10,000,000 East Germans why they lack butter, margarine, other foods and consumer goods at the worst time of year for this to happen—just before Christmas.

THE SCAPEGOAT

Grotewohl singled out Hamann as the scapegoat. He was so pointed that most Westerners concluded Hamann is already under arrest. Hamann's deputy Fritz Hanke fled to West Berlin recently. Grotewohl said this was a sign of "sabotage".

The Prime Minister—also named Rudolf Albrecht, Communist State Secretary, for food production as another "saboteur" and implied that Paul Baender, recently dismissed Deputy, bears some share of blame too.

Arrest of Matern would reach to the very top of the Communist regime. Matern, as Chairman of the Party's Control Commission, directed last year's huge purge of the party lists in which 15,000 were thrown out as being either too lukewarm or actually boring from within as opponents of the Red system.

The charge against him appeared to be that he failed to kick enough of them out.—Associated Press.

Withdraws His Remarks

London, Dec. 9. Lord Stansgate, a Labour Peer, today withdrew remarks he made in a recent House of Lords debate concerning the use of dogs in Kenya.

He recalled that during the debate he had said: "What sort of dogs do you have for pursuing African women and their children. I do not think it a joke to turn dogs on village people who have committed no crime."

"Clearly these words are not warranted by the facts," Lord Stansgate said today.

"I withdraw them and beg to express my regret for having used them."

Earlier, Lord Munster, Under-Secretary at the Colonial Office, had said that the training of the dogs was identical to that given to dogs of London's Metropolitan Police Force who were taught to apprehend criminals without savaging them.—Reuter.

Radio Hongkong

H.K.T. Programme Summary: 6.30, Children's Story—Said the Cat to the Dog "Magic" A Play for Children by Martin Armstrong (BBCRS); 6.50, London Studio Melodrama: Peter York and his Orchestra with Pearl Carr (BBCRS); 7.10, Time Signal, World News and News Tally (London Relay); 7.20, Feature Programme in Commemoration of the 4th Anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (RUM); 7.30, Orchestra of the Week—The Danish State Radio Symphony Orchestra; 7.40, Weather Report; 7.50, Lucky Dip—Variety Requests presented by Margherita (Studio); 8.10, World Theatre—The Shakespeare Memorial Theatre Company "Richard II" Part 2 by William Shakespeare (BBCRS); 8.15, Popular Songs by Beniamino Gigli (RUM); 8.30, Dancing Time with Guy Lombardo and his Royal Canadians; 10.20, Weather Report; 11.10, Radio News Reel (Receptor); 11.15, Goodnight Music, God Save The Queen; 11.30, Close Down.

Nearer To Agreement On Sudan

Cairo, Dec. 9. Britain and Egypt today reached an agreement on some points relating to the future of the Sudan, and according to diplomatic circles here a general agreement is now in sight.

Premier Mohammed Naguib and the British Ambassador, Sir Ralph Stevenson, had a three-hour meeting. A joint statement issued afterwards said: "The Prime Minister today received the British Ambassador to continue discussions about the Sudan with a view to concluding them as quickly as possible in order that elections may be held with the minimum of delay."

"The British Ambassador presented to the Prime Minister the views of the British Government on a number of points mentioned in the Egyptian note. (The note of November.)"

"But agreement has been reached on some of these and others are now being considered. A further meeting will be held as soon as possible."

Diplomatic circles here said the talks went "long way" and that agreement is now in sight, though the British Ambassador may have to refer certain Egyptian reactions to London.

The Premier and the Ambassador resumed their talks on the Sudan—jointly ruled by Britain and Egypt since 1898—after the Premier had sworn in his new Cabinet ministers earlier today.

The meeting was one of a series since the talks were first initiated with the presentation of the Egyptian note on November 2. They are expected to end before Christmas, when Britain will formally reply to the Egyptian proposals on self-rule and self-determination in the Sudan.—Reuter.

Fire Destroys Squatter Huts

Some five or six wooden huts were destroyed in a fire which broke out in a squatter settlement in Parkins Road, Tai Hang, a few minutes after ten this morning. The alarm was raised at 10.05 a.m., and a few minutes later three fire appliances, two from Eastern and one from Central, arrived. The fire was put out at 10.15. The only casualty was a Chinese man who slightly injured his knee in falling down.

It's Warmer, But Still Cold

In spite of the fact that the temperature had risen six degrees since last Wednesday, local residents went about their work shivering in heavy clothes this morning. At 11 o'clock this morning the temperature was steady at 50.2 degrees Fahrenheit at the Royal Observatory, a rise of 6.2 degrees compared with yesterday's minimum temperature.

Suspects Interrogated



John Pinney, District Commissioner of Narouk, Masei Territory talks to a party of Kikuyu men who were recently rounded up for screening as Mau Mau suspects.—London Express.

Indonesian Government Appeal Continues

Affidavits filed in the original hearing before Mr Justice Reece were dealt with by Mr Brook A. Bernacchi before the Full Court this morning when hearing of appeals brought by the Government of the Republic of Indonesia against decisions given by Mr Justice Reece (Pulse Judge) concerning the steamship Tasikmalaja, diplomatic immunity from cross-examination and foreign sovereign impeding was continued.

The Chief Justice, Sir Gerard Howe, and the Senior Pulse Judge, Mr Justice E. H. Williams, comprise the Full Court. Dealing with the evidence, Mr Bernacchi referred to an affidavit which stated that Juan Ysmael and Co. were the sole owners of the ship and held the documents of title. The vessel was of both Panamanian and Indonesian registry, although only the Panamanian log-book was used. There was a purported sale of the ship by Mr Frank Starr; on the instructions of the Indonesian Government, to Major Pomeroyhardjo, of the Defence Ministry.

It was alleged that it was a fraudulent conspiracy because not one cent was paid to the plaintiff company and the ship was never legally sold or otherwise transferred. The vessel, on the evidence, was still in the custody, control and possession of Juan Ysmael and Co.

CAPT'S STATEMENT

Reading the affidavit of Capt Silos, Mr Bernacchi said that although the ship was arrested by the plaintiff company on June 27 and although it was clear enough at that time what the duties of Capt Silos were, it was not until June 30 that, apparently, on instructions given by the Indonesian Consul-General that the Indonesian crew members attempted in any way to flaunt the authority of their master. It was clear that they were obeying orders of Capt Silos until June 30 when the Consul-General told them not to do so.

Then Mandagi, an apprentice mate, claimed that he was in control of the ship, which, Counsel said was an utterly ridiculous position. Referring to the affidavits, Mr Bernacchi said that there was a verbal cancellation of Frank C. Starr's (who was connected with Juan Ysmael and Co.) agency. Counsel also referred to direct instructions given to Major Pomeroyhardjo (Indonesian Government's agent) that on any sale of the ship Tasikmalaja the price was not to be less than a certain figure without any reductions.

In the original action filed by Ysmael and Co., said Counsel, they asked for a declaration that they were entitled to legal possession of the vessel, and when they obtained that declaration the only evidence they called was evidence of title. No evidence was called or was necessary con-

Shanghai Gas Co. REQUISITIONING CONFIRMED

The requisitioning of the Shanghai Gas Co., Ltd by the Shanghai Military Control Commission was announced at the Company's annual meeting, held at Marina House this morning. The Chairman, Mr H. Kadoorie, said:

As there is only one Director now resident in Shanghai it was decided that this meeting should be held in Hongkong, where its Head Office is and where during recent years there has always been a majority of the Board.

Attached to the Report and Accounts were the Engineer-in-Chief's Report and the Shanghai Resident Director's Report, and I have nothing to add to the information which they have given of the Company's operations during the year under review except to convey our thanks and appreciation to the Shanghai Resident Director, Mr John Gadsby, and the Management and Staff for the excellent work they have done under very difficult conditions.

Since the Report and Accounts were sent to you a very serious step has been taken by the Authorities in Shanghai.

On November 20 last the Shanghai Military Control Commission issued an Order requisitioning various British concerns in Shanghai including the Shanghai Gas Co., Ltd. We have as yet received very little additional information. We have, however, heard that although Mr Gadsby and the Management have been instructed to attend the office they are not allowed to function. As soon as we have further reliable information—Shareholders will be informed.

The adoption of the Report and Accounts was proposed by Mr H. Kadoorie, seconded by Mr H. D. Benham, and carried unanimously.

Messrs H. Kadoorie and H. D. Benham were re-elected Directors.

Messrs Lowe, Bingham & Thompson were re-appointed Auditors.

Present at the meeting were Mr H. Kadoorie (Chairman), Mr H. D. Benham (Director), Mr H. A. Welch, representing the Secretaries, Registered Offices (Hongkong) Ltd, and shareholders representing 197,718 shares.

Altered His Identity Card

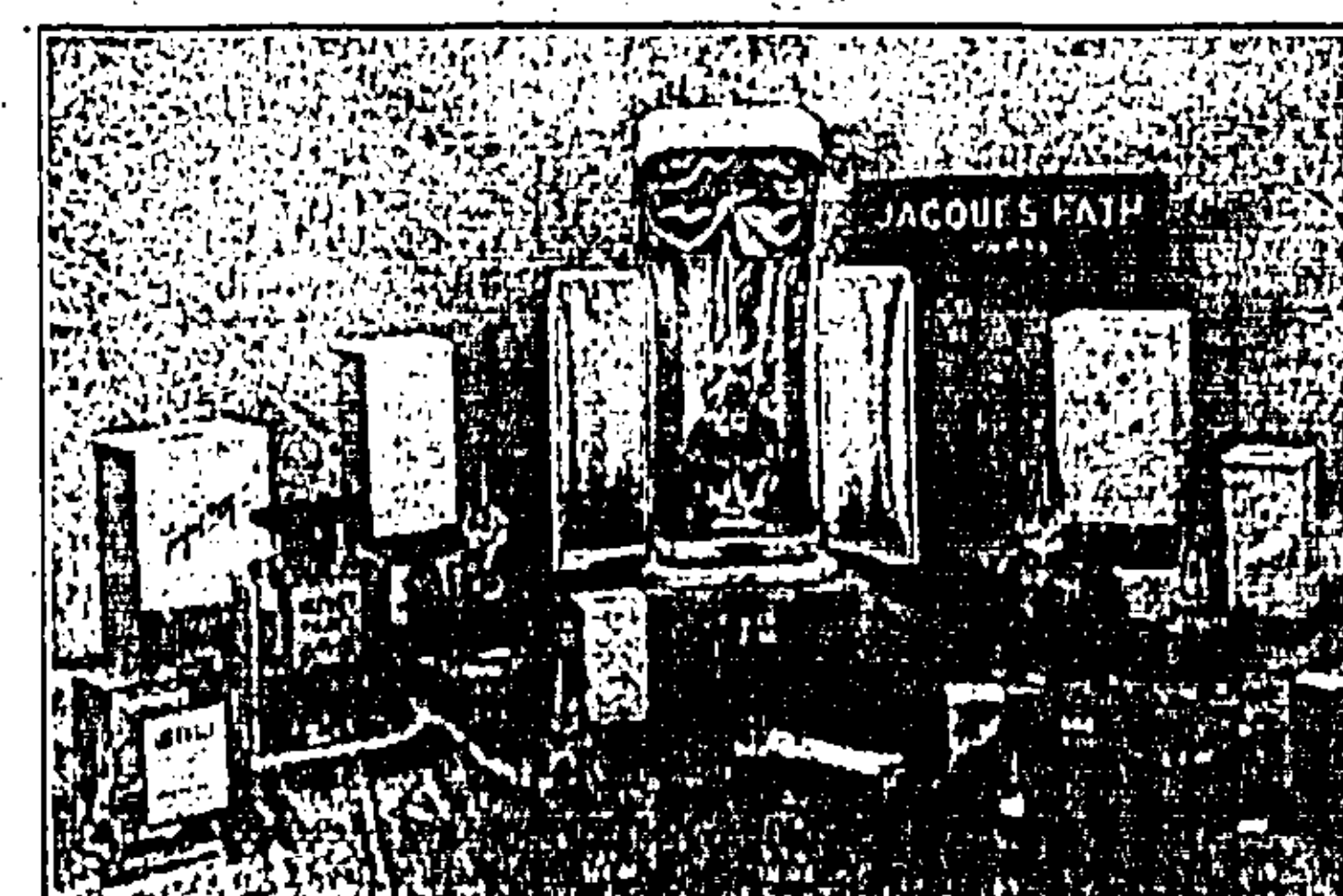
A 25-year-old unemployed, Li Ching-mun, of 93, Second Street, 2nd floor, was fined \$100 or one month by Mr R. W. S. Winter this morning when he was found guilty of altering an identity card.

He was alleged to have changed his age from 25 to 21 on the identification card. The discovery was made when he applied to be a recruit in the Police Force on Tuesday morning.

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Frank C. Starr, he continued, was not authorised to sell the vessel with any deductions. In the face of the clearest instructions by cable and letter the Indonesian Government attempted to enter into an agreement with him to purchase the ship with enormous deductions, and despite the clearest instructions not to pay Starr, they paid him the balance of the purchase price. The transaction, Mr Bernacchi declared, was a fantastic one.

It was the case for his clients that the Indonesian Government had no option to buy, and Counsel alleged a fraudulent document was then drawn up as a result of the cancellation of Starr's agency. The net result of the whole transaction was that Juan Ysmael and Co. were US\$10,000 worse off than if they had never sold the vessel at all. The hearing is proceeding.



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